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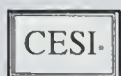
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Moving forward, giving back

As the events of the past year unfolded, much of the news in this issue of *Veritas* began to coalesce around two themes.

The first is a change of headmasters: the passing of the torch from Will Mitchell to Hal Hannaford. During his quarter-century at the helm, Will Mitchell put his stamp on Selwyn House and steered the school through a period of enormous progress.

The arrival of Hal Hannaford begins another chapter, and the new headmaster has made it obvious from the outset that he has a clear vision for the school, and has immediately set to work applying his boundless energy to the job. As the cover photo illustrates, he has big shoes to fill, but he marches to his own beat.

The other major theme that emerged is "giving back." Increasingly, Old Boys of all ages are discovering the joys, challenges and rewards of donating their time and efforts to help the school, the community and the world.

We encourage all Old Boys, parents and former staff members to keep in touch with the school, and to join us for the many events and activities that make Selwyn House a true community.

Enjoy this issue, and check out the new developments at www.selwyn.ca as we head into the next school year.

Richard Wills
Publications Editor



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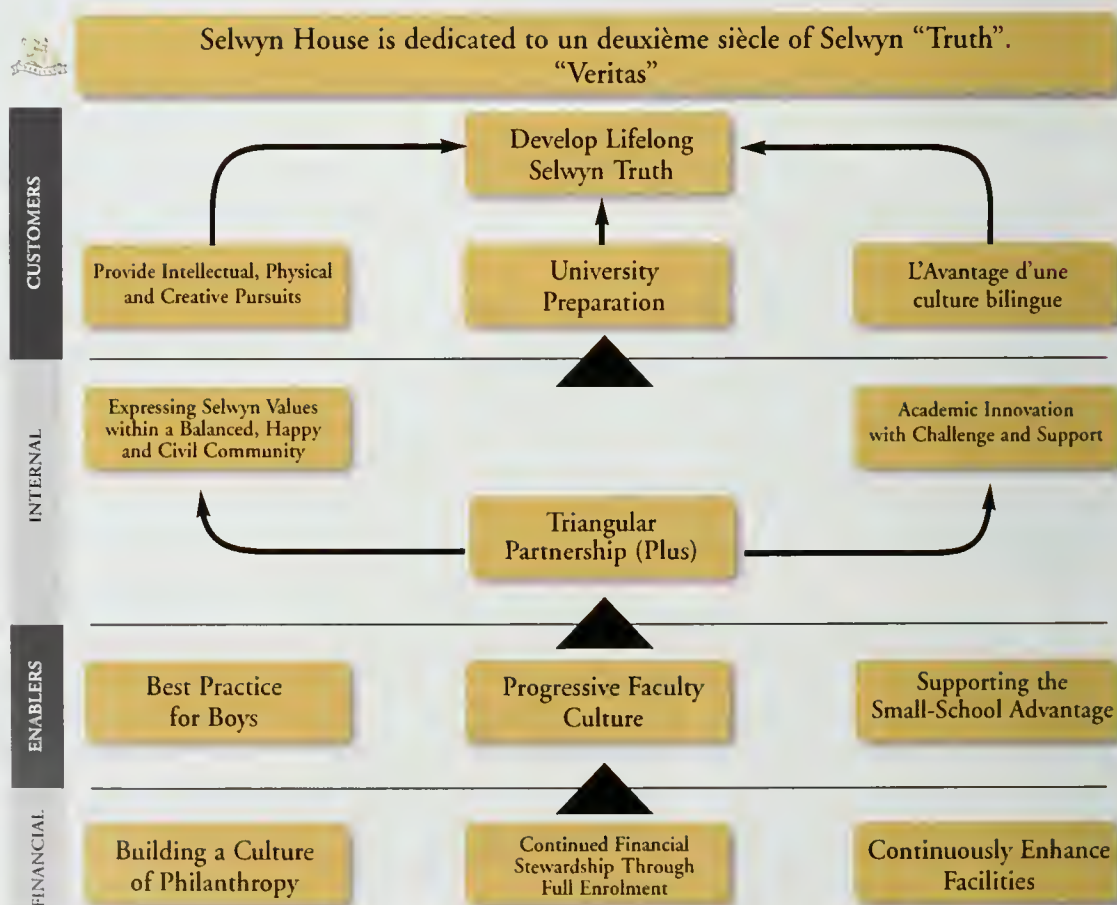
A Time for STRATEGY

Contrary to popular belief, there are clear advantages when one starts a new headship in January. Essentially, you are presented with the opportunity, for four or five months, to look, listen, observe, debate, think, and then to make judgments as to what future direction is most appropriate. Selwyn House has been an impressive school to watch, and these past few months have reaffirmed my belief in this truly great and remarkable institution. It is impossible not to be excited about the future.

There exists at Selwyn House a credible legacy created mainly through the efforts of my predecessor, Will Mitchell. The school, with a strong governance model, is poised to achieve any level of greatness we desire. In my opinion, there is simply no excuse. The groundwork has all been laid; the foundations are strong, now it is a matter of setting priorities, asking difficult questions, engaging in challenging discussions, dealing with the issues of education in a challenging and complex millennium, and then



Headmaster Hal Hannaford



A Time for STRATEGY

moving forward together sharing a consistent vision.

Strategic mapping is the process we will use to guide us. There is enough

evidence to suggest that over eighty-five per cent of school strategies do not work; not because they are poor strategies, rather because there is an attempt to

implement them without the establishment of clear performance measures or indicators. This is what we want to avoid at Selwyn House. Too much is at stake, and strategic mapping will help with the ambitions we all have.

For the past few months, I have worked on developing a Strategic Map for Selwyn House. Please refer to the diagram and note that each strategic component is clearly defined. The point is not to reinvent new ideas. Rather, the purpose is to build upon the direction already established. Over the next year or so there will be a serious, dedicated process undertaken to deal with all the issues presented. We will evaluate how we are performing based on a list of key functions at the school. We will establish strategic priorities, and then we will establish indicators for each strategic objective. It will essentially form the basis by which I will be evaluated. There is plenty of work ahead, but if we create a focus that is consistent, we gain a significant advantage. We must move to accentuate and articulate the Selwyn House advantages, celebrate the success of boys' schools, determine what a bilingual education means to Selwyn House, figure out to how to clearly express our values, and, finally, we must ask ourselves what is required to prepare our boys for a successful university career. Challenging? No doubt, but necessary and attainable.

On a personal level, I would like to thank the entire Selwyn House community for the way in which I have been welcomed. It has made my transition to a new city and a new school as easy as possible, and I remain so grateful. My wife, Susan, my children, Alisse and Reid (who will be starting at Selwyn House in Grade 9 this fall), moved to Montreal at the end of June and share my excitement with this wonderful opportunity. We all look forward to many years of success at Selwyn House. I can't wait for school to start in September. ■

Strategic Map Defined

CUSTOMER OBJECTIVES	Provide Intellectual, Physical and Creative Pursuits	University Preparation	L'Avantage d'une culture bilingue
WHAT?	An enriched educational environment requires that intellectual, creative, physical pursuits are integrated into the curriculum.	We prepare boys academically, physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually for university and beyond.	
WHY?	Cognitive development is strengthened and stimulated through a range of creative and physical activities.	Boys need to develop skills, knowledge, and self awareness in order to successfully transition from elementary, middle, senior school, university, and beyond.	
INTERNAL OBJECTIVES	Expressing Selwyn Values within a Balanced, Happy and Civil Community	Triangular Partnership (Plus)	Academic Innovation with Challenge and Support
WHAT?	SHS is committed to the development of true levels of respect, responsibility, voice, & tolerance.	SHS partners with students and their parents as well as with alumni, community groups, organizations, and friends of the school.	SHS continually identifies opportunities to create and deliver innovative curriculum fostering differentiated learning styles.
WHY?	Character development through education must be grounded in a system of values and a strong moral climate.	Effective partnerships facilitate the success of our students and allow us to engage as a responsible member of our various local and international communities.	SHS constantly identifies opportunities to create and deliver innovative curriculum.
ENABLERS OBJECTIVES	Best Practice for Boys	Progressive Faculty Culture	Supporting the Small-School Advantage
WHAT?	SHS is committed to understanding and researching the environment and program advantageous to boys.	We promote a faculty culture that fosters commitment, retention, lifelong learning, professional development, moral, and ultimately great teachers.	SHS must use the small-school advantage to ensure that each boy is Known & Loved.
WHY?	Boys are different and unique from girls. They benefit greatly from the single-gender experience.	A strong and committed faculty strengthens and energizes the educational environment and is a significant factor that produces high degrees of success for students.	Small schools (intimate places where all students are known) are known to maximize student success in all areas.
FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES	Building a Culture of Philanthropy	Continued Financial Stewardship	Continuously Enhance Facilities
WHAT?	SHS is committed to building a strong endowment through an enhanced Annual Giving program and planned giving.	The Board and Senior Management of SHS take full responsibility for the financial stability and financial future of the school.	SHS is committed to continual renewal of the infrastructure.
WHY?	Endowment is essential for the long-term financial viability of SHS.	Financial sustainability is necessary to achieve all other objectives.	Targeted facility renewal will increase the quality and value of the educational experience.

Getting to know HAL HANNAFORD

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

The familiar office on the second floor of the Lucas Building has taken on a different look, reflective of the personality of Selwyn House School's new headmaster, Hal Hannaford.

The usual books, paintings and family photos are surrounded by a snare drum, various music-related knick-knacks and mnemonic devices like the row of signs that read: "kindness," "listen," "strength," "trust," "risk," and "happiness." On his desk—next to the candy jar—is another sign that says, simply, "I don't know."

A group of Grade 3 students has just filed out after an earnest discussion of the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the importance of tolerance. As they leave they get a refresher course in giving the perfect handshake.

It is obvious that this man loves kids and enjoys these exchanges with his new students. "This is one of those great jobs where you can actually see the difference you make in the lives of young people," Hal says. "The recreational part of that, for me, is the interaction with the boys."

Hal Hannaford was born in 1956 to the fifth generation of a well-established and community-oriented Montreal family. His grandfather was one of the founders of St. George's School.

Hal's family moved from TMR to Westmount when he was in Grade 9. He graduated from



Susan Doherty and Hal Hannaford

"This is one of those great jobs where you can actually see the difference you make in the lives of young people."

LCC and went on to study at Queen's University, later earning a degree in commerce from Concordia and a degree in education from the University of Toronto.

The year 1982 was a big one for Hal. He became director of Kilcoo Camp, a well-known

boys' camp near Toronto, began simultaneously teaching at Crescent School, and he married Susan Doherty, also from Montreal.

In 1985 Hal left Kilcoo to study business at INSEAD, an English-language school in France. After he earned an MBA, he and Susan stayed an extra year while he worked on the faculty of the American University in Paris.

On their return to Canada, Hal worked as Director of Development at Crescent School, and, at age 32 was offered the post as founding headmaster of Kingsway College School, a new school being founded by a group of parents in Toronto.

"In April of 1989—with no students—we made a decision to open the following fall," he recalls. "By September we had 50 students. Kingsway now is about 320 students and has

HAL HANNAFORD

been a great success.”

“After seven years there—we had just had our second child and Susan had her own company in Toronto—I was offered the job as headmaster of Royal St. George’s College.”

Hal describes his 12 years at St. George’s as “a good gig. We got a lot done. We focused on faculty culture and the preserving and articulation of the basic core values of the school.” When the time came to leave, he says, “I felt good about that, and I felt comfortable going.”

Now the Hannafords are back in Montreal, where their son, Reid, 13, will be starting Grade 9 at Selwyn House in the fall, and Susan is in the latter stages of writing a novel set in the Depression era. Their daughter, Alisse, 17, will be attending Georgetown University.

Vision

At Selwyn House, Hal says his first job is to get everyone on the same page with respect to the school’s vision. “We may not agree on how we’re going to get there, but we all buy in to the fact that this is where we’re going to go. My job is to learn that and understand it, and then to begin to articulate it.”

Hal Hannaford has long been a strong proponent of boys’ schools. “I believe the biggest advantage to boys’ schools is that they allow boys

“One of the key important elements of what we stand for must be gender equality. You can’t address this effectively without a strong female presence”

to establish deep and meaningful relationships,” he says.

“It’s not so much about academics and pedagogy and boys learning differently from girls. When you take girls out of the mix—girls who tend to dominate the social fabric—boys are left having to form meaningful relationships on their own. As a result, they do develop them. The



Headmaster Hal Hannaford in his office

bond between teachers and boys becomes much more intense in a single-sex school and the friendships become more lasting. Boys who go to all boys’ schools tend to keep their high-school friends for life, and boys who go to co-ed schools don’t.

“In order for it all to work, you need a very strong component of female faculty. One of the key important elements of what we stand for must be gender equality. You can’t address this effectively without a strong female presence, which Selwyn House has. It’s something to be proud of.”

Hal feels so strongly about this point that he would not have come to Selwyn House if it had not been a boys’ school. He states: “I wouldn’t be interested in working anywhere else at this stage in my career.”

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HAL HANNAFORD

Discipline

Explaining his philosophy about discipline in schools, Hal says that, too often we tend to react to bad behaviour rather than prevent it.

When a student misbehaves, he says, "I think it's incredibly important that we separate the behaviour from the person, and remember that any consequences are for the behaviour."

"I don't have any right to say to a boy, 'You're an idiot.' That's fundamentally wrong. But I have all the right in world to say, 'Stop acting like an idiot.' That's a very important semantic difference that goes a long way toward setting the tone. Boys can always pick up on that important difference."

Music

One cannot be around Hal Hannaford very long without noticing his love for the Blues. Books on the subject fill his office, and he promises that the famous memorabilia-filled "Blues Bathroom" he maintained at RSGC may be reborn at Selwyn House. Heads up!

Hal began playing drums in his teens. "I'm a good hack player," he says modestly. "I can bang away. I just love it."

"I love music of all kinds," he continues, "but clearly I have a passion for the Blues. I like the whole historical context of it, how the African-American music culture paved the way for so much of what we listen to today."

A frequent visitor to the Montreal Jazz Festival, Hal says he has "always watched drummers and I find it incredibly inspiring what they can do. I recognize the intense value of it. I love the concept of rhythm."

Community Service

Anytime Hal Hannaford is not holding drumsticks, he's likely to be holding an auctioneer's gavel, a sideline he fell into almost by accident. At a charity event several years ago, the auctioneer failed to show up, so Hal volunteered to fill in and found he had a natural flair for it. Since then he has raised a total of \$28 million for various causes, doing up to 30 auctions a year.

Hal's wife, Susan, has also been very involved



in fundraising for causes such as Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and the Royal Conservatory of Music. "The fashion show at Royal St. George's produced by Susan was the single biggest contribution to the Toronto Sick Kids' Hospital made by any school, ever," says Hal. "It was fantastic."

Community service is important for his students also, Hal insists. "I keep saying to the boys, 'Find something you like doing, but always remember, you've got to make a contribution.'"

At this point in the conversation, two of the Grade 3 boys poke their heads back in the door for another word with their new headmaster. After a good-natured rebuke for interrupting, he has a lively exchange with the boys and sends them dashing away.

A lifelong observer of child psychology, Mr. Hannaford takes note.

"When boys have had a happy engagement with you and they leave the room, they'll run," he points out, "because their energy level is so built up they have to release it. That's an anecdotal observation that I'm absolutely convinced is true." ■

Endowment and **THE ANNUAL FUND**

By James McMillan, Director of Advancement

Tuition fees cover the cost of running and maintaining the school, and there is very little left for the extras that make all the difference and contribute to the overall Selwyn House experience. Selwyn House is fortunate to have wonderful support from all of its constituencies. With the donations and pledges that Selwyn House has received over the last year, The Veritas Fund, the fund that manages the donations, has almost doubled and we are at about one-half of our primary goal of \$20 million. The Annual Fund raised about \$150,000 last year, and our goal is to raise about \$500,000 each year.

Fundraising is a key factor in being able to offer the type of education that is associated with Selwyn House. Whether it is having the funds to offer sufficient bursaries to help students attend the school, buy a specialized piece of

equipment or software for a class, or send a teacher to a professional development course, active fundraising allows the school to be able to do these things.

There are two categories of donations in fundraising: restricted and unrestricted. Restricted funds are invested and held for a minimum of ten years and only a small percentage of the interest earned each year is spent on the designated purpose of the endowed fund. Most of our restricted funds are for bursaries and scholarships: the Old Boys' Endowment Fund sponsors merit scholarships for two students from Grade 7 through 11, the Will Mitchell Endowment Fund sponsors bursaries (needs-based scholarships) for students in any grade, and the Conrad Harrington Scholarship Fund sponsors a bursary for a Grade 9 student through to

Grade 11. These are just a few of our established endowment funds. A named scholarship fund requires a minimum base of \$25,000 before the school will use its interest for a bursary, and we have several funds that are gradually being built up over the years so that they, too, can be used for bursaries.

Unrestricted donations are used for purposes designated by the school and are usually spent within one school year after being received. These are the funds that are used to purchase needed equipment or sponsor a program or the special needs of students or a class.

We would like to thank each and every donor who has participated in any way with Selwyn House's fundraising efforts, and we look forward to encouraging all of our constituents to make an effort to be a part of the Selwyn House experience.

Ball Hockey League a success

By Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2000, league organizer

On July 30, 2009, the opening puck was dropped to start the first-ever Selwyn House School Old Boys' Association summer ball hockey league. With six teams playing twice a week in Macaulay Gym, Old Boys ranging in years from '73 to 2008 played with fierce competitiveness, unparalleled skill and honourable sportsmanship. Teams like the "Jack Martins" and the "Fat Cats" battled for playoff positions and the championship banner.

Everyone who played was impressed with the precision passing and the effortless teamwork. One player,

Andrew April 2004, explained that he "really enjoyed connecting and reconnecting with other Selwyn Old Boys who share a similar passion for hockey." The league not only offered the opportunity to play a high level of hockey, but also provided a forum for Old Boys, younger and less young, to meet and learn about the valuable resource that rests in the Old Boys' Association.

The Old Boys Association would like to thank everyone who participated and is planning on coordinating a similar league in the summer of 2010.

Join us for Old Boys' Basketball

Old Boys of all ages are welcome to play pick-up basketball in the Macaulay Gym on Tuesday nights from 6:00-8:00 p.m. no charge. Play resumes September 8, 2009. See you on the court! For more information, contact Mary Ann Cloherty in the Advancement Office at 514-931-9481 ext. 2294 or cloherty@selwyn.ca



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Your classmates, former teachers and other members of the Selwyn House community are eager to read about you in Alumni Updates.

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The past and the future with WILL MITCHELL

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

This has been a year of milestones for Will Mitchell. On January 1 he retired after 24 years as Headmaster of Selwyn House. The next day he was off to Toronto to begin his new job as Interim Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Independent Schools at a time of growth for that organization.

An even bigger thrill for Will, however, was the birth of his first grandson, Myer, born April 9 in Los Angeles to his daughter, Martha, and her husband, Jaron Waldman.

In June, Will spoke to Veritas about his time at Selwyn House and about the challenges of educating young people for a changing world.

Veritas: How does it feel to have the Will Mitchell Endowment Fund created in your honour?

Will Mitchell: I'm greatly honoured. The school could not have hit the mark better for me. I believed from the outset that schools like Selwyn House have to do all they can to keep the student population as diversified as possible in all respects. Financial assistance programs contribute to such diversity. As I've said before, I wouldn't have been interested in running a school such as Selwyn House if there hadn't been a strong commitment to maintaining and improving financial assistance, so this scholarship and some of the things that we did to target financial assistance through fundraising activities were very important for me, and so to have this endowment fund in my name is my fondest hope.

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Veritas: What would you say will be the long-term effect of Bill 104 on independent education in Quebec?

Will Mitchell: I think people still don't understand the generational aspect of it. Among the 25 schools in the Quebec Association of Independent Schools, anywhere from 20 to 25 per cent of students currently in elementary schools will have to transfer out of the English



Retired Headmaster Will Mitchell with daughter, Martha, at Founder's Day 2008

system and go into the French system, if the Supreme Court does not uphold the Appeal Court of Quebec decision; in other words, if Bill 104 stays in effect. Now, we don't know what other legislation could be put forward, but currently Bill 104 is a very significant impediment for access to English education.

Veritas: Compared to when you were a student in school, how has education changed in the Information Age, and is this an important thing for educators to be concerned about at this time?

Will Mitchell: Yes, in the sense that things do move very fast, but what I believe we're continuously doing—and have been since the dawn of time in education—is all that we can to prepare students to be responsible, independent learners. And if students succeed at that, and if the institution can be up-to-date with what the needs and the skills of students are, they will be on the right track.

As well, it is important for students to develop a positive attitude toward learning. Then, being responsible and independent equips them to be prepared for a job that doesn't yet exist and to solve problems that have yet to be identified. So, whether that be learning to work cooperatively, learning to seek out information and people that can help you—the team that can help you—whether that team member is down the hall or across the world, those are the skills that we're

WILL MITCHELL

going to need today to solve the kinds of problems that are coming down the track. So, it's really a matter of being intellectually, organizationally and informationally nimble, in order to be able to contribute to one's own progress while also contributing to society's progress.

Veritas: Is it harder to maintain a civil community in schools today than it was in years past?

Will Mitchell: No, I really don't believe it is. I think education—like any worthwhile job—has always been hard work, but I don't think it's harder. I think that putting the concept of a civil community out there as an objective is very important. However, students today do have more independence, more access to information and resources, and they can access these things on their own. So, the wise guidance of good teachers, I think, is going to be even more at a premium in the future. But, students today can take on tasks that certainly, in my experience, would never have been taken on years ago. So, I just marvel at what good students can do when they are really engaged in the enterprise of the school. If they feel that it's a good institution that has a potential for doing them some good, what they're willing and able to do responsibly and independently is quite amazing.



Will in 1988

moving in the right direction on all kinds of different fronts.

Veritas: What do you think has made it possible for you to sustain a spirit of institutional confidence through the more trying times of your tenure as headmaster?

Will Mitchell: For me, personally, regardless of what the situation was, I felt that every morning, when I got up, my job was to come to school to be trying to find every possible way to move the

institution forward with the help of great faculty and engaged students and a supportive board and parents willing to work in partnership with the school, to be trying all that is positive to move the school forward, whatever it might be. And when times are trying, you need a lot of help in order to get through them. But, by remaining consistent to your overall goals or vision, with that sort of support you're going to get through it quite successfully.

Obviously, as well, transparency in the way that the institution operates in all facets is extremely important. The other thing is, to look at every challenge as an opportunity, as well. It matters just as much how you do things in difficult times as to how you handle things in good times. And the institution can come out feeling that it's dealt with a difficult situation and maintained the integrity of the institution in profound ways and, therefore, you move on and you build confidence and, regardless of the situation, you're going to do things honestly and positively and with integrity.

Veritas: You once said your job taught you to be "an architect, an engineer, an accountant, a project manager, a teacher and a traffic controller." Which gave you the most satisfaction at the end of the day?

Will Mitchell: I don't think any one did. The need was there to take on those things, depending on what the initiatives or what the objectives were at a given time. And so, at the bottom of it are some pretty mundane things. I think they are probably persistence and consistency of application: just keep at it on a daily basis and it's surprising what can happen in the end. ■

"The wise guidance of good teachers, I think, is going to be even more at a premium in the future."

Veritas: In your Founder's Day speech you said you grew to enjoy the challenge of balancing the often-conflicting needs of "10,000 constituents." How do you do this?

Will Mitchell: Well, you don't succeed all the time. But, when you ask "How do you do it," I think it's being somewhat intrigued or challenged by the complexity of the thing that makes it interesting. Of course, there are setbacks, you're not always able to move forward, but you're always trying to find ways to engage people to help the organization, the institution, to be

FOUNDER'S DAY

Selwyn House turns 100, honours Mitchell, Wearing



Then Headmaster Will Mitchell speaking at Founder's Day 2008

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

On November 26, members of the Selwyn House School community gathered to mark three milestones in the school's history.

Founder's Day 2008 was the culmination of a year-long celebration of the school's 100th birthday. From its modest foundation in 1908 by Capt. Algernon Lucas, Selwyn House has grown to be widely recognized as one of the finest schools in Canada.

Starting with only seven students a century ago, Selwyn House now provides a world-class education to approximately 570 boys each year. Drawn from an increasingly diverse background, these students have gone on to make important academic, professional and humanitarian contributions to Canada and the world.

technology integrated into every classroom.

"Will Mitchell not only guided the capital campaigns that financed this project, but also kept a watchful eye on the construction and renovation that have revolutionized the school," said Selwyn House Board Chairman Ted Claxton '73. "All of us—students, parents, teachers and alumni—benefit from his dedication."

Mr. Mitchell has also brought the school into the modern era by insisting on increased endowment, which creates financial assistance for deserving students. Through the generosity and hard work of countless volunteers and employees, the school is now able to offer the finest education to deserving boys, even to those who cannot afford the full tuition.

Founder's Day 2008 also gave the Selwyn

"All of us—students, parents, teachers and alumni—benefit from Will Mitchell's dedication."

This year's Founder's Day was also the last major school event to be presided over by Headmaster Will Mitchell, who retired on January 1, after having led the school for 24 years. Mr. Mitchell directed Selwyn House through a period of dramatic growth, ensuring that the school entered its second century at the forefront of modern education.

Will Mitchell has made profound contributions to the evolution of the school. Under his stewardship, the school facilities were enlarged nearly 40 per cent, with cutting-edge



Speirs Medalist Rob Wearing speaking at Founder's Day 2008

Founder's DAY



**Selwyn House Board
Chairman Ted Claxton '73**



Former and current members of the Selwyn House Board of Directors. Back row from left: David McEntyre, William Daly '52, Craig Shannon '71, Ted Claxton '73, Alan Rossy '79, Charles Porteous '84, Prosanto Chaudhury '91. Front: Tim Carsley '52, John Hallward '78, Jonathan Goldbloom '72, Susan Einhorn (alumni parent), Louise Houle (parent), Martha Legge Fitzpatrick (parent), Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, David Skinner '82 and Neil Matheson '74.

House family an opportunity to honour one of its most beloved former faculty members, Rob Wearing. In addition to coaching and teaching, Mr. Wearing served as athletic director and Director of the Senior School, even taking on the duties of acting co-headmaster during the transition period leading up to Mr. Mitchell's start as school head.

Throughout his 33 years at Selwyn House, Rob Wearing was a mentor to hundreds of students who eagerly express their gratitude for the role he played in their schooling. By bestowing the Speirs Medal, the school community formally acknowledges his contribution to the growth and education of

a generation of young men, many of whom have gone on to impressive achievements after leaving Selwyn House.

The Founder's Day ceremonies began with an all-school assembly in the morning, followed by an evening cocktail with approximately 425 members of the school community in attendance to celebrate the school's first century of academic excellence. ■



**Centennial Co-chairs: Selwyn House parents
Martha Legge Fitzpatrick and Fil Papich '77**



The Wearing Family: Alison, Rob, Esther and Ben '94

Old Boy plants April's POPPY

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Selwyn House is at the centre of a campaign to educate Canadians about one of the proudest moments in their national heritage, and to establish a second annual day in which to honour Canadian soldiers.

The proud moment in question is the Battle of Vimy Ridge on April 9, 1917. Selwyn House Old Boy **Andrew Powell '45** is president of the Vimy Foundation, whose goal is to raise awareness of the importance of the battle and what it means to Canada and the world.

Early in the First World War, German troops captured Vimy Ridge in France and transformed it into a strong defensive position. Unsuccessful Allied assaults on the ridge in 1914 and 1915 had cost the British and French hundreds of thousands of casualties. In the fall of 1916, Canadian troops moved to the front and spent the entire winter training for the assault on the German defences there.

This would be an innovative campaign in the history of war. It marked the first time all four Canadian divisions had served together, and the first time they served under Canadian command.

By noon on April 9, most of the ridge had been captured. The victory gave the Allies a strategic advantage in the battle to wrest control of France from the German Army, and sealed Canada's reputation as a formidable force on the battlefield.

To teach young Canadians about the importance of these events, the Vimy Foundation offers students a scholarship that includes a trip to the Vimy Memorial and other nearby sites.

On November 11, Andrew Powell visited Selwyn House with a group of students from Selwyn House and other schools who visited France through the Vimy Scholarship in 2007 and 2008. The students showed photos of their trip and described their reactions to it.

Andrew Powell first became aware of the need to educate young Canadians about Vimy when



Andrew Powell '45

he visited his children in France and noticed the lack of a suitable roadside sign for the Vimy Monument, which was built in 1936. The memorial bears 11,285 names of Canadian soldiers missing or dead. More than 7,000 Canadian soldiers are buried in 30 cemeteries within 20 kilometres of the memorial.

"People should know of the sacrifice Canada made," he says. With a population of only seven million in 1917, and with no standing army, Canada sent 700,000 soldier to war, sustaining 68,000 casualties. The victory earned Canada the right to be a separate signatory to the Treaty of Versailles, and laid the foundations of Canada's national pride.

Andrew started the Vimy Scholarship in 2006. The following year the Vimy Foundation began distributing a medal that will be presented to visitors to the site each year on April 9. The foundation's goal is that this new medal will take its place alongside the Remembrance Day poppy as a symbol of Canada's wartime sacrifices.

"Vimy was Canada's bloodiest day," says foundation board member Chris Sweeny. "Our goal is that this new medal will become 'April's poppy.'"

On April 9, 2009, the 92nd anniversary of the great battle, Selwyn House student Christian Buchanan was named to join 12 other Canadian students to travel to Europe in August to take part in this year's Vimy Scholarship program.

Selwyn House uncorks VINTAGE '09

By Heather Rochette, Director, PVA and Special Events

More than 130 guests attended Vintage '09, the Parent Volunteer Association's annual Black and Gold fundraiser on April 29, 2009 to sample a selection of wines with the help of both professional sommeliers and our own faculty and staff. Everyone had a wonderful time with special guests including Bill Zacharkiw '82, *Montreal Gazette* wine columnist, and ladies from Selwyn House faculty and staff dressed as a multitude of Marilyn Monroes.



With Headmaster Hal Hannaford acting as auctioneer, the event raised approximately \$15,000, which will go towards the Selwyn House Centennial Endowment Fund, and a portion was given to the Centre de répit Philou, a non-profit organization that offers respite care for families of disabled children up to five years of age.

More photos at www.selwyn.ca.



Top: teachers Adrian Mahoney and Kelly Tonkin as Marilyn. **Left:** SHS parents Tim '86 and Karen Anderson and Sarah and Peter Dennis listen to the sommelier's critique. **Bottom left:** Annie "Marilyn" Snabl spots the winning piece of the Marilyn contest puzzle. **Below:** Auctioneer and Headmaster Hal Hannaford in action.



John and Karma HALLWARD GIV3

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

John Hallward '78 epitomizes the successful businessman who knows the value of giving back—to the school that nurtured him, and to the community at large.

On September 19, the former Selwyn House board chairman and his wife, former Selwyn House Parent Volunteer Association President Karma Hallward, were honoured at a board dinner for their years of service to the school.

John joined the Board of Directors in 1996. For a time, he was chairman of the Finance Committee. At another time, he “led one of the most important and successful strategic planning processes that the school has undertaken,” said then Headmaster Will Mitchell.

“That...process helped launch us into the very significant facilities and endowment building programs that we have embarked on in the ensuing years.”

John continues to serve the school as a member of the administrative boards of the Veritas Fund and Lucas Fund.

John and Karma have a daughter and two sons, Derek and Evan, who both attended Selwyn House. Karma, as Mr. Mitchell said, “provided great leadership as president of the Parent Volunteer Association in some of the busiest times in



John Hallward presenting first prize in the GIV3 competition to Nikita Vezina 2012

the school's history.”

The Hallwards have also established a philanthropic foundation called “GIV3” or “Donne Trois.”

“GIV3 is about encouraging Canadians to give three per cent of income and volunteering three hours a month to charitable causes,” explains the Hallmont Foundation website.

Middle School students in participating schools were asked to select three different Canadian charities they would like to see receive a donation, and to write a short explanation why they selected those charities.

The Hallmont Foundation sends a donation to each of the three charities selected in the winner's entry. First-place winner Nikita Vezina also received a \$300 prize; runners-up Sam Stein and Andrew Aziz won \$100 each.

The Hallmont Foundation also donates \$5 to participating schools for each student who enters that school's GIV3 Charity Contest.

For more information, visit GIV3.ca.

Award honours Sheila and Victor

GOLDBLOOM

The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) has created a new award to honour persons who have made a contribution to Quebec's English-speaking community, and has named the award in honour of Selwyn House Alumni Parents, Grandparents and Speirs Medalists Victor '37 and Sheila Goldbloom.

Over his long and distinguished career Victor has served as Canada's Commissioner of Official Languages, a Member of the Quebec National Assembly and as a cabinet minister in the Bourassa government. At Selwyn House, he was named to the Veritas Board in 1981, and he and Sheila were co-recipients of the Speirs Medal in 1996.

“There is a need for defensive action to protect the interests and integrity of the community, but also exceptional opportunities as we move forward to be a full and vigorous part of Quebec society,” Victor told the *Montreal Gazette*.

The first annual award will be presented in September 2009. For more information, visit the organization's website.



The Goldblooms with fellow Speirs Medalist William Daly '52 (centre).



Enrico and Kathryn at the finish line

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Enrico Quilico 2000 nearly came back from the dead to make an impressive showing in his first-ever triathlon last September. Two and a half years ago, he was in a serious motorcycle accident that left him with injuries that his doctors thought he would never recover from. At one point, he was lying in a coma and his family was told to be prepared to pull the plug.

But, on September 13, 2008, those same family members were ecstatic when Enrico sprinted across the finish line after swimming, cycling and running his way to an impressive showing in this grueling competition. "I knew he could do it," said his mother, Kathryn Stevenson. "I didn't know he could do it in two and a half years, but I knew he could do it."

On May 21, 2006, returning from a motorcycle ride on Ile Perrôt, Enrico was cut off by an oncoming car. Slamming on the brakes, he fell hard, smashing his pelvis and breaking his elbow and several ribs. He slid 60 feet and hit the car head-first at 70 kilometres per hour, experiencing massive brain trauma.

Fortunately, the car behind Enrico contained two doctors, who sprang to his aid and called an ambulance. In intensive care, doctors put Enrico into an artificially induced coma and applied a shunt to reduce the swelling in his head. But the pressure was too great, so they had to remove a large section of his skull to prevent irreparable brain damage. If they had not been successful, "I would certainly have been a vegetable," Enrico says.

Eight days after the accident, doctors tried to arouse Enrico from his induced coma. To his family's horror, he did not wake up, and the doctors told them they should be prepared to pull the plug if he did not revive soon. Five days later,

From the ICU to the finish line in 2.5

his aunt was amazed to see his fingers and eyelids twitch slightly, and the long road to recovery began. "I was, essentially, reborn," says Enrico.

But it was a rough road. Enrico had to rebuild his mental world piece by piece. He experienced hallucinations and was, for a while, lost in paranoid fantasies about what was going on around him and had to be tied to his bed every night.

Soon after, his rehabilitation therapy began in earnest, and Enrico responded enthusiastically. He not only had to rebuild his body, but also relearn most of the physical, mental and even social skills he had possessed before. Just walking up stairs was a major challenge, and mental concentration was extremely difficult. But, before long he was back home, back in school and back in the gym recovering his former physical strength.

The bouts of fatigue that still plague him were not in evidence on September 13 when he competed in the Montreal triathlon on Ile Sainte-Hélène. He turned in an impressive performance for any first-time triathlete—astonishing for someone who's been through what he has.

He completed the 750-m swim, 20-km bike and 5-km run in just over 1 hour and 16 minutes, finishing near the top third and recording what one organizer called "an amazing pace" in the final run, crossing the finish line in a burst of speed.

His triathlon performance will, no doubt, provide new material for the talks Enrico gives to students about safety. He has visited Selwyn House and other schools as a speaker for Think First, an organization that informs young people about the importance of wearing helmets and seat-belts.

"When brought to face yourself in this manner...you really find out what you are made of, what you can choose to do with your future," says Enrico.

"I chose to make this terrible accident a turning point in my life."

SCHLEMM fitness centre dedicated

The refurbished fitness centre in the Macaulay Building at Selwyn House was recently dedicated by Leonard and Sandy Schlemm and their son Tyler 2008. The Schlemm family donated 16 machines to re-equip the room, including 10 Nautilus weight training machines, two Concept 2 rowing machines, and four Precor cardio machines. Sandy and Tyler also did the layout of the floor plan, recommended the machines that would fit, and had mirrors attached on two walls.

Leonard Schlemm is co-founder of a chain of more than 400 fitness centres around the world. He got started in the business several years ago while working as a consultant in San Francisco. Leonard bought the local fitness club where he was a member, and before long, he and his partner were buying up many of their competitors. Renamed 24 Hour Fitness, the chain grew across the country and around the world, and was recently valued at \$1.6 billion U.S.

Returning to his native Montreal in 1991, Leonard bought the Atwater Club, where he played as a youth and where his father, Leonard Sr. (Selwyn House Class of 1929), a champion squash player, was a charter member. With Montreal Canadien Stéphane Quintal on board, he expanded the Mansfield Club to the West Island and is building the Montreal Canadiens' new training centre in Brossard.

When his company turned down a plan to build fitness centres in Russia, Leonard found partners and built 56 centres



From left: Leonard, Sandy and Tyler Schlemm, Headmaster Will Mitchell and Athletic Director Steve Mitchell

to serve an untapped market of 145 million sports-minded Russians. Recognizing the marketing potential of celebrity athletes, he launched a chain in Germany with tennis star Steffi Graf as a partner, and one in Vancouver with NBA star Steve Nash.

Montreal Canadiens President Pierre Boivin, a longtime friend, describes Leonard as "a very strong community man and a generous supporter of many causes." This was evident at Selwyn House when Leonard and family donated the new machines for the school's fitness centre.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL new WESTMOUNT D-G

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Duncan Campbell '69 was hired as the new director general of the City of Westmount on August 25, 2008 and assumed his new duties a month later.

Duncan brings a wealth of experience in municipal administration to his new job, having served 14 years as director-general for the Town of Mount Royal, followed by six years as associate director-general of the Montreal megacity.

After graduating from Selwyn House, Duncan earned a degree in civil engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa and went to work for Canadian National Railway. In 1984 he earned his MBA from the University of Western Ontario. Four years later he went to work for TMR as director of operations, moving up to director nine months later.

Over the years, Duncan has continued to serve Selwyn House tirelessly, as a member of the school's board of directors

from 1988 to 1990 and from 1999 to 2007. He also served as President of the Old Boys' Association from 1988 to 1990.

Although he grew up in TMR, Duncan's family has its roots in Westmount. Duncan's great-grandfather George Hogg served as mayor of Westmount 80 years ago.

Duncan's son, Robbie, graduated from Selwyn House in 2002 and from Harvard University in 2008.



Ballytobin 2002: GIVING BACK

By Pat Shannon, Selwyn House Senior English teacher

As my students learned this fall, I spent ten days volunteering last June at Camphill Ballytobin in southern Ireland, a working farm that offers therapy to disturbed adults and children. The farm houses people who have been deprived of a healthy family life; many are autistic or psychotic. My work was twofold—to help restore the Callan workhouse, an Irish historic site where thousands of starving farmers found refuge in the 1840's, and to visit and bear witness to the minor miracle of Ballytobin. What an experience.

Where to start? Landing at Shannon with Liam, my middle son, we were bussed to our B&B by our host, Patrick Lydon, Ballytobin's founder. (We were 17 people, all alumni of Patrick's alma mater, Phillips Exeter Academy). Callan, a small town that abuts Ballytobin, is two hours by car from Shannon, and as we passed, by turn, through farmland and pub-lined villages, I fancied that my week would consist of effortless sweeping and Guinness. Not so. The next morning it became clear that our group had an enormous challenge. We were shown a series of cavernous, barn-like rooms that held every conceivable piece of rubbish, both antique and recent, with the heaviest items being scores of three-hundred pound church pews that Patrick wanted moved. We were tasked with vacating the rooms so that a theatre group could perform there in August (and they have, in a play written about the famine).

Heavy work, indeed. Almost comically, however, none of the group had been selected for strength—only four of us were grown men, and the rest included two women over 60 and three children. Perforce, the cleaning of the workhouse evolved into a perfect division of labour: those who could lift, did. Liam spent his first two days climbing tentatively over

detritus no adult could stand on. By week's end he was using a jackhammer.

The history of the workhouse is told in different versions. After a particularly good day of work we enjoyed a presentation by Joe Kennedy, a local historian who eschewed the anti-English view of Callan to explain that the famine and the workhouse were complex issues. We learned that families were divided both by gender (we were cleaning the women's side) and generation—parents from children. The gender division was said to be a necessary cruelty to prevent reproduction; Joe had nothing critical to say of this, as the alternative was starvation. After he spoke, however, a man in our small audience stood up to recite a 30-minute, self-composed poem about the workhouse whose intent was to demonize its English masters.

We also spent some time at Ballytobin. The actual care of the people there is the special and exclusive province of the staff, but we mingled for three days. We participated in an outdoor ceremony that interspersed Christian and secular rituals, choral singing and the sound of church bells that I think was the most moving act of worship I will ever see. We walked to a bonfire surrounded by over a hundred people that, again, was the occasion for song. Most importantly, we came to love some of the people who, living at Ballytobin permanently without kin, treated us like family.

The buzzword one hears used nowadays to describe what Liam and I did is "voluntourism." Increasingly in North America, retired, leisure-rich adults are combining a desire to see the world with a desire to help. Our work at Callan didn't feel like tourism, but it felt good. The great secret of good samaritanism is that it's addictive. I would go back tomorrow.



Liam Shannon
at work in Ballytobin

Old Boy receives YMCA PEACE MEDAL

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Andy Rosenhek 2002 has received a Peace Medallion from the YMCA of Greater Montreal for his innovative efforts to help underprivileged children in Tanzania. Andy was one of four individuals to receive the 2008 medal at an honour luncheon on November 21.

The YMCA says that its Peace Medallion is intended to recognize the achievements of individuals and groups in local communities who—without any special resources—demonstrate in their lives and activities the values expressed in the World Alliance of YMCAs' 1981 Statement of Peace. "Peace...is not only a state of relationships among nations. We cannot expect to live in a world of peace if we are unable to live in peace with those close to us—even those who differ from us," says the YMCA.

Andy originally got involved in humanitarian activities as a result of a trip he took to India a few years ago.

Through an online organization Andy found a project in Tanzania and decided to volunteer. A short time later he found himself in a small rural village in the northeastern part of the Arumeru district on the slopes of Mount Meru, where he spent a month living with the locals and working on a project to build a schoolhouse and orphanage for 50 children aged 3-7.

He fell in love with the people there, and was struck by the realization that it would be relatively easy to make their lives so much better. Very little of the money donated by people in the developed world ever reaches its target, he realized; most of it is siphoned off to cover excessive administration costs. "It's hard to make it go directly to the source of the problem," Andy says.

Back home in Canada, Andy set a personal goal to finish what he started in Africa. He discovered a web-based organization called givemeaning.com, which attempts to channel



cost-effective relief for such projects.

Andy is promoting a concept known as "The \$5 philanthropist," in which a large number of small donations can be more effective than a few large ones. "Philanthropy does not need to be something that only the rich can participate in," Andy says. "With enough social networking and awareness-raising, the money adds up to a lot and can be used to do a lot of good."

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Andy has been accepted to McGill Law School, but has taken a one-year deferment in order to pursue his volunteering passions. Now that he has raised nearly \$19,000 for the village in Tanzania, he is eager to go back there to see the "big progress" that has gone on there since he left.

But first he must finalize a proposal being pitched to a Canadian foundation that is interested in developing his website idea.

"It all stems from the Selwyn House Centennial conference [on Educating Youth for Global Responsibility]," says Andy, who was one of four Selwyn House Old Boys who made presentations to the October 2 conference.

At the conference, Andy was approached by the manager of a federation interested in his idea of establishing a Facebook-style social networking website "to bring the volunteering world together."

"It's looking like it's starting to happen."

Keith Martin 2002 brings Moving Muscles Ride to SHS

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor



Keith Martin 2002 talking to students at Selwyn House

It was the ride of a lifetime. Last summer, Keith Martin 2002 and four university friends biked across Canada to raise money to fight Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that has plagued Keith since he was 14. In 85 days they travelled 7,800 kilometres, from Tofino, B.C. to St John's, Newfoundland.

Along the way they made countless friends, raised over \$157,000 to fight MD, and came home with a story that attracted swarms of media attention, spawned a book, and enthralled the Selwyn House Elementary students who heard Keith's talk on December 17.

Keith hatched the idea for the "Moving Muscles Ride" with two schoolmates from the University of British Columbia, where Keith is studying engineering physics. They were joined by two friends attending McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. On May 13, the five dipped their tires in the Pacific Ocean and started off from Tofino.

The first two days of the trip were "a trial by fire," says Keith. Actually, water. Riding down the Pacific Rim Highway in the pouring rain was torturous. Their first day found them climbing grades that reached 18 per cent, "...on a narrow, winding road with rain pouring down on us, huge trucks whizzing by and our optics completely fogged up."

After that the rest of the trip seemed all downhill. That is, if you consider climbing 900 metres to reach the 1330-m Rogers Pass in the Rockies to be downhill. Actually, Keith confessed, it was riding across the flat prairies near Medicine Hat, Alberta in a relentless headwind that was the most tiring and discouraging part of the trip.

In two weeks the "Flying Five" had reached Calgary, travelling with no support vehicle, camping and cooking along the way, fighting insects and breakdowns, and keeping in daily email communication with the folks back home. Keith's mother, Judy, says the daily emails kept her mind at ease that the boys were safe on the road.

In Thunder Bay the group paused for a photo beside the monument to Terry Fox, whose 1980 cross-country Marathon of Hope set the standard for cross-Canada fundraisers. "It was a thrill to stand in his shadow," says Keith.

{ "My hope is that I will be able to, at best, maintain my current lifestyle by constant movement...." }

"My future with MD is uncertain, because there is no cure or treatment for it," says Keith. His doctors say the best therapy is to keep active.

"I'm lucky, as other sufferers are confined to a wheelchair or a bed," he says. "My hope is that I will be able to, at best, maintain my current lifestyle by constant movement of my muscle groups to avoid further deterioration."

The team set up a blog on their website, movingmusclesride.ca, where they posted daily entries and photos as the ride progressed. This online journal, along with photos, has now been compiled into a book entitled *The Flying Five*, which is available in the Wanstall Library at Selwyn House.

HRYCYK

receives MEDAL OF BRAVERY



Alex Hrycyk 2001

It was announced in early December that Alex Hrycyk 2001 will receive the Medal of Bravery from Governor General Michaëlle Jean for an incident three years ago in which he rescued his 81-year-old neighbour from her burning house.

Now studying history at Concordia, Alex is modest about the honour. At 1 a.m. on December 16, 2005, he was asleep at his parents' house when he heard his next-door neighbour, Nishant Sharma, pounding on the front door. Sharma's house was ablaze, with flames reaching six feet above the rooftop. He had narrowly escaped the fire but was unable to save his grandmother, Mati, because of the heavy smoke.

Alex immediately ran next door and walked through a wall of smoke to find Mati calling for her grandson. Not speaking English, she couldn't understand Alex as he pleaded with her to leave. So he picked up the elderly woman and carried her to safety. Firefighters later said they escaped only 30 seconds before it would have been too late.

The Sharma family is, naturally, very grateful for Alex's act of heroism, and his parents are very proud.

Alex is scheduled to receive his medal at a formal ceremony sometime in 2009.

ESPOSITO scores world championship goal

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor



Angelo Esposito
2006 from the
Thrashers' site

The stick used by Angelo Esposito 2006 to score the winning goal for Canada in the World Junior Championship title win against Sweden January 5 will hang in the Hockey Hall of Fame forever.

This may come as something of a vindication for the 19-year-old, who plays for the Montreal Juniors in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. For the past three years, he had been cut from the Team Canada lineup.

After attending Middle School at Selwyn House, Angelo (no relation to Hall-of-Famers Phil and Tony) attended high school in Minnesota. He turned in a 98-point rookie season with the Quebec Remparts of the QMJHL in 2005-2006, scoring in the first shift of his first game and going on to be named Rookie of the Year and draw comparisons to an

earlier member of the Remparts: Guy Lafleur.

As an NHL prospect, he was picked 20th overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft and was traded to the Atlanta Thrashers in 2008. In the QMJHL he was traded from the Remparts to the Montreal Juniors in the off-season later that year.

Angelo won a gold medal as captain of Team Quebec in the 2006 World U-17 Hockey Challenge, later winning gold again as captain of Team Canada in the 2006 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament.

After three years on the sidelines of the Junior Worlds, he made the team for the 2009 Championships in Ottawa, where he racked up four points in six games and scored the second goal in a 5-1 win over Sweden to take the team to its fifth-straight Gold Medal.

Educating Youth for GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY



Selwyn House student Alex Magder 2011 asks a question of the panel.

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Even though they were surrounded by a distinguished group of older and more experienced activists, seasoned politicians and public figures, it was young people who made the strongest impression on their peers and parents at the Selwyn House Centennial Conference on Educating Youth for Global Responsibility.

A major feature of the school's year-long Centennial Celebrations, the conference drew more than 600 adults and students to Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom on October 2.

Yves Fortier, former Canadian ambassador to the UN, and Michael Goldbloom, Principal of Bishop's University and former publisher of the *Gazette* and *Toronto Star*, co-chaired the conference, which was moderated by Royal Orr, a journalist and communications consultant who has also worked to fight AIDS in Tanzania.

There were a number of adults present, but the bulk of the audience was made up of students from universities and CEGEPs, along with delegations from 14 local high schools. The young people were challenged to take bold steps to "repair the world," and several of them showed a vision and a willingness to answer that challenge.

Guests taking part in a panel discussion entitled Human Rights Work were: Emily Bass, Program Director for the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition; David Danylewich, Director of Field Operations for Right To Play International; Patrick Duplat, an advocate for Refugees International; and Alexandre (Sacha) Trudeau, filmmaker and journalist.

A second panel, called Using Your Career to Make a

Difference, included Olympic gold medallist and humanitarian Jennifer Heil; Dario Iezzoni, Director of Business Development for Santropol/Copardès; and Joelle (Joey) Adler, President and CEO of Diesel Canada and founder of One X One.

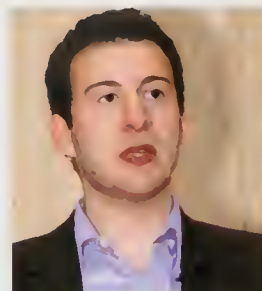
Keynote speaker was Alusine Bah, a former child soldier in Sierra Leone who now lives in Montreal. The closing speech was by Bob Rae, MP for Toronto Centre and former premier of Ontario.

An inspiring presentation was given by four recent graduates of Selwyn House. Daniel Wilner, of the class of 2001, discussed his experience of teaching refugee children with the International Rescue Committee in New York City. Andrew Rosenhek, of the class of 2002, described his experiences in Tanzania that led him to explore ways of making relief programs more affordable for the donor and more effective for the recipient. Justin Tan, of the class of 2004, talked about his work as co-founder of Students for Global Health, an extraordinarily successful and sustainable relief organization. Gabriel Maldoff of the class of 2005, told about his work in Tanzania with the PIUMA Project.

These four young men demonstrated that personal initiative, creative thinking, wise use of technology and a human touch can accomplish great things in a short time for disadvantaged people around the world. This seemed to have a great impact on everyone in the audience—students and adults alike.

"We're very much like you [but have found ways to get involved]," said Justin Tan.

"I don't think we really completed our high school education till we did what we did," said Daniel Wilner.



Daniel Wilner 2001



Andy Rosenhek 2002



Justin Tan 2004



Gabriel Maldoff 2005

Montreal Reunion WEEKEND

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

The 30th Annual Old Boys' Reunion on October 3 & 4, 2008 took on a unique character, as part of the year-long celebration of the 100th birthday of Selwyn House School. This was the first time the reunion was organized as a Centennial Homecoming Weekend, with the reunion on Friday night and family activities organized at the school on Saturday.

This year's reunion paid special tribute to graduates from the classes of 1958, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1998 and 2003. Twenty-five of the 133 Old Boys in attendance were from the Class of '98.

David Skinner '82 president of the Old Boys' Association, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. John Fieldhouse '58 gave the toast to the school and the OBA. Selwyn House Board Chairman Ted Claxton '73 addressed the group prior to the election of directors and other Old Boys' Association business.

Outgoing Directors Paul Mayer '74, Vince Guzzo '86, Alan Rossy '79, Michael Osterland '78 and Nicholas Powell '79 stepped down from the OBA executive, with the following being re-elected to the board for the year 2008-09: Raymond Ayas '95, Matthew Beckerleg '94, Charles Bierbrier '93, Thomas Königsthal '74, Geoffrey Moore '83, Mark Palayew '76, David Skinner '82, Ben Wearing '94, Fil Papich '77 (Past President).

New board members are: Velos Christou '92, Charles Porteous '84, Kyam Shell-Schnitzer 2001 and Anthony Zitzmann '89.

After a farewell from retiring Headmaster Will Mirchell, Geoffrey Moore '83 talked about the Gaelan O'Donnell Endowment Fund, created in memory of a beloved and active member of the Class of '83 who died in 1988.

Former Director of Alumni Relations Sharon

Cozens, along with SHS parents and Alex Zammit, were named Lisa and Mark Smith, and Maria Honorary Old Boys.



John Despici '68 with retired teacher Jack Martin



Top: the Class of '83; bottom: the Class of '98

Montreal Reunion 2008



Top row, from left:
the Class of '78; the
class of '88.
Left: Richard Kwee
and Adam Cieply
from the class of
2003. Right: the
class of '58.



Gaelan O'Donnell '83 Endowment Fund established



From left: Dajan O'Donnell, Geoff Moore,
Sean O'Donnell and Geoff Adams '83 with
the Gaelan O'Donnell Memorial Bantam
Hockey Trophy.

As part of their 25-year reunion celebration, the Class of '83 created the Gaelan O'Donnell '83 Endowment Fund, in memory of their classmate who passed away 21 years ago. The fund will provide a needs-based scholarship to a Grade 7 student who achieves high scores on his entrance exam and interview, but cannot afford the full tuition. Since Gaelan was an avid hockey player during his Selwyn years, the class also purchased new hockey trophies for the Elementary, Bantam and Varsity tournaments. Additionally, the Bantam Hockey Tournament trophy is now called the Gaelan O'Donnell Trophy, and was presented to the winning team in December by his brothers and classmates (see photo).

Finally, the class donated an encyclopaedia set to the library in memory of Richard Gouveia and Matthew Ullmann. A special thanks to the Class of '83 for honouring and remembering their fellow classmates in such a meaningful way.

Chapter Reunions

Vancouver

By David Miller '80

Despite the distance from Montreal, the British Columbia Selwyn community is quite large, with between 100-150 alumni, alumni parents and former staff.

So, given the size of this community, coupled with the famous BC spirit and a typically mild BC winter, one would have expected a large, almost frenzied turnout when Selwyn House hosted a reunion at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club on January 27, 2009.

To accommodate such a large expected crowd, appropriate security and crowd-control measures were put in place. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and the "BC Blizzard of the Century" (a few inches of snow that stays on the ground longer than two weeks) kept the numbers down to a small, intimate and determined group of 11.

Those who braved the "severe" elements benefited from a sumptuous buffet, many introductions and reconnections, new news, and

old reminiscence. We were pleased to meet and welcome our new headmaster, Hal Hannaford, and ribbed him mercilessly that, despite his early life transgression of attending LCC, he has finally made it to the best Montreal school: Selwyn House.

The Selwyn House community is not just a local phenomenon. It is ever-present for the benefit of its alumni everywhere, and can be evoked with a minimal amount of effort and/or contribution.

The Gryphon connection is strong on the west coast. We remain connected and committed to Selwyn House, and are better for it.

Thank you to Courtney and James for organizing the event.



Keith Martin 2002



David Miller '80 with his wife, Janet

Calgary

By Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations

It was great to finally host a Selwyn House Reunion in Calgary for the first time in more than 10 years! Old Boys from classes spanning the decades from the 1950s to the 80s—plus a few parents of alumni—attended a cocktail event at the Glencoe Club on January 28, 2009. Over 18 people enjoyed hearing from the school's new headmaster, Hal Hannaford, who explained why he decided to take the job at Selwyn House and discussed some of the great opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Some of Mr. Hannaford's old LCC friends crashed the party to show their support! Many thanks to Tim Yates '58 and Kasey Fukada '84 for organizing this event.



From left: Michael Zenatis '86, Kevin O'Brien '89, Tim Winn '85 and Jon Fielding '89

Chapter Reunions

By Conrad Harrington 2000
and Alan Cameron 2000

On Thursday, March 5, a group of 30 Selwyn Old Boys convened for a cocktail party at Buck's Club in Mayfair to meet the new headmaster, Hal Hannaford, and his wife, Susan Doherty. As the incoming headmaster, and a new acquaintance to many of the alumni present, Mr. Hannaford took the opportunity to outline his vision for the school. In his opinion, the school's future is intimately tied to its status as an all-boys institution in a bilingual environment, a fact that makes it unique among schools of its type in the world.

Following Mr. Hannaford's presentation, the group also received updates from Alumni Relations Director Courtney Prieur and Advancement Director Jaime McMillan, who spoke of current events, future plans and new ways in which alumni could stay in contact with their classmates and the school. There were also the customary updates on members of Selwyn House faculty, many of whom had left a lasting impression on the alumni present.

At the conclusion of the formal event, a number of attendees—including



the visiting members of the faculty—expressed interest in continuing the evening around London. Led by Josh Rosenstein's adept knowledge of nearby Chinatown, the interested parties moved on to a local restaurant, where the discussion continued over duck pancakes and cold tea. As with previous

Old Boys' gatherings in London, the night left a positive impression with those in attendance, and reminded them of the benefit of maintaining relations both amongst themselves and with the school.

Many thanks to Nick Tingley '83, who organized and hosted the event.

By Matthew Munzar 2000

On February 19, 2009, 40 Selwyn House graduates from the classes of '65 to 2004 met in Manhattan's Sutton Place for the annual New York City SHS Old Boys' Reunion.

The gathering was hosted by John Allison '66 at the River Club for the second year in a row, and for many Old Boys it was their first opportunity to meet Hal Hannaford.

The new headmaster was very well received and, after introducing himself and fielding questions on recent developments at the school, he settled in to chat with the graduates.

Discussions ranged from Old Boys' favourite teachers and coaches, to the financial crisis, and life as Canadians in the United States.

Old Boys were also curious as to how



they could donate their time to the school while still living in New York, and

accepted invitations to come visit upon their return to Montreal.

Chapter Reunions

Toronto

By Alex Lal '93

On April 23, watching from the Renaissance Hotel as the Blue Jays played the Texas Rangers below us in the Rogers Centre, 44 friends, family, and members of the Toronto Chapter of the Old Boys' Association gathered. Lively chatter, brought on by classmates and old friends reconnecting and new connections forming, filled the Arriba Lounge.

The highlight of the night was new Headmaster Hal Hannaford being formally introduced to Toronto Old Boys, and he immediately made a positive impression on all who attended. After a Cole's Notes version of his considerable resumé by Sean Sofin '84, Mr. Hannaford's opening remarks made it clear that our new headmaster is a professional, dedicated to boys' education, and that he has a clear and focused understanding of both the rewards and challenges that await him. Speaking with James McMillan, Director of Advancement, it was obvious that Mr. Hannaford is committed to the students and staff of SHS, and we can all be assured that Selwyn House will be taken in new and innovative directions.

It was an auspicious day, with the Blue Jays winning 5- 2 over the Rangers, and Selwyn House hitting a home run with Hal Hannaford!

Ottawa

Far from the stodgy feel of Parliament Hill, in the freshly paved trendy Italian district, Selwyn House alumni— young and less-young—reunited on November 9 after a long year apart.

With drinks and food abundant, SHS Old Boys of all walks of life chatted about both the monumental and trivial change and progress the school is experiencing. To highlight this evolution, in his last reunion as headmaster, Mr. Will Mitchell delivered an address on the health and growth of everyone's common denominator.

Old Boys' Association President David Skinner '82 discussed highlights of the year and upcoming OBA sponsored events, emphasizing the functional role and key resource the OBA plays in the lives of SHS alumni. The formalities of the reunion ended with a glowing applause and the awarding of door prizes, curiously enough given to a classmate of the chapter president!

Familiar and new faces to the Selwyn House Old Boys community in Ottawa dotted the dimly lit bar section as the night ended. Veterans of the affair such as Ivan Ralston '61, Roger Thomas '59, Rodney Moore '58, David Terroux '54, were present, as well as the venerable chapter president and godfather of Ottawa, Sir Sean McKinnon '98.



Top, from left: Otto Mok '92, Mark Freiheit '88 and Alex Lal '93

Bottom: Brian Dawson '80 and Ted Nash '80

As the guests of honour braved the two-hour drive back to Westmount, many of the SHS Old Boys continued the party at a DJ K-Hu live event at the Chateau Laurier. It truly was a memorable night.



From left: Philip Oliver '99 and Hayden Bernstein 2001 with Will Mitchell

Young Alum BBQ

By Charles Vennat 2005

On August 21, 2008, over 50 Old Boys from the classes of 2003-2007 dropped into the annual Young Alum BBQ for a quick check-in with friends before the start of the new school year. A particularly strong turnout from the 2005 and 2007 classes resulted in many laughs and old memories, most of which cannot in good conscience be published within these pages.

Thanks to Joseph and the kitchen staff (as well as a little help from the weather), we enjoyed a gourmet barbecue in the East Yard beside "The Pit," a familiar setting for those of us Selwyn Elementary veterans.

As the last generations of alums to have attended the school before the major renovations of the Lucas and Macaulay buildings, we were lucky enough to have our very own guided tour of the new facilities, including a brief halt at the Speirs gym, where Alumni Director Courtney Prieur had difficulty convincing Phil Clark to get off the court and rejoin the tour. Some



Members of the Class of 2005

things never change....

Many thanks to Courtney and the Old Boys' Association for a lovely

evening, and I hope to see all of you young alumni in attendance this summer. It's an event not to be missed!

Class of 2009 inducted into OBA

By Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations

The Class of 2009 was introduced to the Old Boys' Association at a formal induction dinner on October 15, where they had an opportunity to meet the Old Boys' Board of Directors, as well as other alumni, and talk about post-Selwyn House career and educational opportunities.

The Grade 11s started their year by naming the following as class reps: Charles Chan, Michael Cohen, Sean Finnell, Abhinav Gupta, Tim Hadjis and Jack Melkerson. These Grade 11s worked with Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations, to learn the ropes of the Old Boys' Association.

Throughout the year, the new class reps met regularly with Ms. Prieur about their leadership role after graduation and



David Skinner '82, Tom Königsthal '74 and members of the Old Boys' Board welcome Robbie Fitzpatrick 2009 and his classmates into the OBA.

worked hard to get the 2009 Class Gift Fund off the ground. They decided to create a class gift fund by donating to the school every year over the next five years. Their annual pledges will accumulate interest and at their five-year reunion, the class will present a significant gift of their choice to the school. To date, the 2009 Class Gift Fund has raised \$300 and has received another \$2,000 from vending machine sales.

Colin No CLASSIC

By Matthew Beckerleg '94
and Bradley White '94

On January 22, 2009, over 30 Old Boys and current and former staff gathered in the Speirs gym to participate in the fifth annual Colin No Basketball Classic. Alfie Paoletti and Marty Boyle assembled four teams, each one combining the lightning speed of recent graduates such as Dylan Brophy 2007 with the silky smooth skill of veterans like Masaud Kakkar '93. The competition was friendly but fierce, and each game ended with some very tired Old Boys.

After the tournament, all participants enjoyed pizza and beer in the Rossy Agora and many Old Boys got their first chance to hear from Hal Hannaford, the school's new headmaster.

The event provides an opportunity to raise money for the Colin No Fund, established with the goal of giving deserving students access to a Selwyn House education they would otherwise be unable to afford.

Colin passed away unexpectedly in 2002, and this charity, supported by his brother, Toby No '97, and fellow Selwyn alumni, serves as a lasting tribute to Colin's generous and fun-loving spirit. This year's tournament collected an additional \$1,425, growing the fund to \$15,243 and bringing us that much closer to realizing our goal.



The 11th Annual Nicoll Cup

Will Mitchell's final tournament as headmaster draws record participation



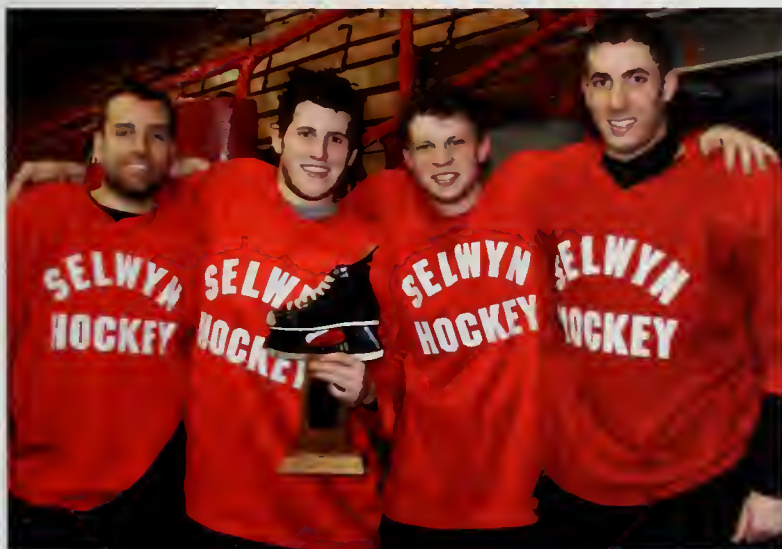
By Keith Martin 2002

There's nothing quite like "The Good Ol' Hockey Game" to bring people together during the cold winter months. Selwyn House's 11th Old Boys' Hockey Tournament, held on December 19, brought out current and former staff, parents, and alumni young and old to enjoy an afternoon of fun, exercise, and healthy competition, no matter their skill level.

The five teams—Red, White, Black, Teal, and Gold—competed in a round-robin format before moving the top four teams on to the elimination draw. Scores and results were fairly even throughout the round robin, with the Red and Black teams showing lots of skill and speed. This is the first year that the staff created their own group, the Black team, with Pat Shannon and Mike Maurovich leading the way, weaving their way around the ice trying to create plays. Yours truly could only watch in admiration. At the end of the day, the Red team took home the coveted Nicoll Cup by a score of 5-0 over the Black team.

Joined by others who were unable to make it to the tournament earlier, everyone gathered afterwards for pizza and a few Bierbrier beers—Marty Boyle wasn't going to say no to that! Old Boys' Association President Fil Papich '77, Athletic Director Steve Mitchell, and outgoing Headmaster Will Mitchell addressed the gathered crowd, thanking them for their support and participation. This was Will Mitchell's last Nicoll Cup as headmaster, and he delivered a reflective address on his time at the school and what alumni support means for the institution.

This is the first year that the staff created their own team, with Pat Shannon and Mike Maurovich leading the way.



From left: Justin McManus '99, Rod Leider 2000, Casey Auerbach 2004 and Dan Cercone 2000

The Nicoll Cup winners claimed their prize, and Fabio Moscatelli '92 walked home with the prestigious bronzed Jock Strap Award, and Tom Spencer 2003 received the Good Sportsmanship Award. These trophies are presented to Old Boys who show no embarrassment with their level of play. They will be displayed proudly upon their walls!

Thanks to everyone who came from near and far to participate in the 2008 Nicoll Cup, and we look forward to seeing you on the ice next year. Game on!

111 for 11th annual Alumni & Friends GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 25 was sunny but windy at Kanawaki Golf Club for the 11th Annual Selwyn House Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, where 111 golfers put in a great day and raised \$50,558 for endowment and charity.

Lunch was provided by Dic Ann's Hamburgers, with the Zammit family and their chefs serving burgers and dogs outdoors.

As the horn sounded at 12:30, all golfers teed up for the annual game on a course that would test their skills.

After the game, participants and guests gathered on the clubhouse veranda for cocktails, a putting contest, and presentation of prizes. The winning foursome were: current parent Stan

Jablonski and guests Mark Wallace, Vee Kachroo and Gord Hanna, who also recorded the guests' low gross with a 78.

Tim Fitzpatrick '77 won the yellow blazer for recording the Old Boys' low gross, a 78. Senior English teacher Pat Shannon also shot a 78 to take the Staff Low Gross prize. Ladies' Low Gross winner was SHS parent Sheila Jablonski with a 99.

Tournament Chairman and Founder William Daly '52 expressed his thanks to all sponsors for supporting this tournament for so many years, and to all the staff in the Advancement Office, who continue to devote the time and

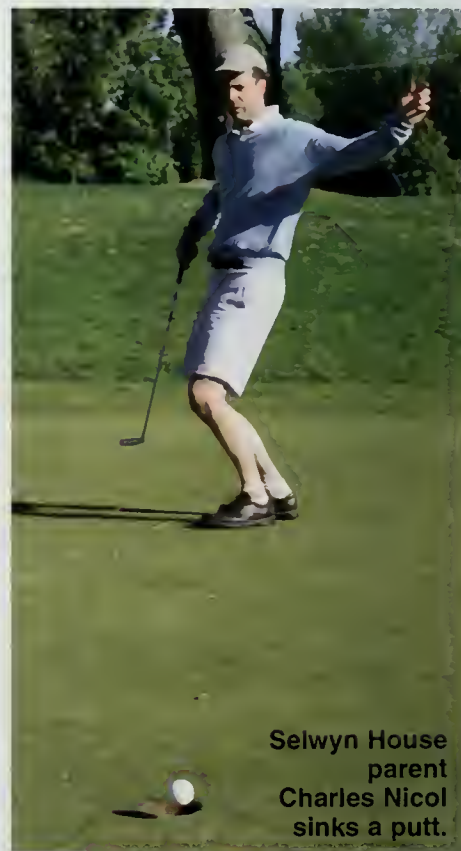
Michael Avedesian '88 puts it onto the green.

enthusiasm to this important alumni event.

During dinner, auctioneer and Selwyn House Headmaster Hal Hannaford conducted the live auction of items donated by sponsors, while William Daly awarded the remaining trophies to the golfers, and, bid everyone a good night until next May 31.



From left: Tournament Chair William Daly '52, Headmaster Hal Hannaford and Old Boys' Association President David Skinner '82 with tournament proceeds



Selwyn House parent Charles Nicol sinks a putt.



Stefan Papich 2006

By Charles Porteous '84

On June 16, sixteen Old Boys joined former SHS teacher and tennis coach Andy Lumsden, along with Headmaster Hal Hannaford, for an evening of doubles tennis and a wonderfully prepared dinner at Hillside Tennis Club.

This year's tournament winners were first-time winner Andrew Ramsey '84 and last year's champion, Stefan Papich 2006. Matthew Beckerleg '94 and I were runners-up.

Reflecting on the evening and the tournament reaching its ten-year milestone, Old Boys thought the calibre of tennis had improved while still maintaining the event's tradition as one of the most relaxed and casual on the SHS Old Boys' activity calendar.

At right, Roberto Bellini '97



Sacha Papich 2008



From left: Winners Stefan Papich 2006 and Andrew Ramsey '84 receive the silver salver from William Daly '52.

Athletic Awards



Steve Mitchell, David Smith, Sun Joong Kim and Carol Manning

McMaster Trophy – 2009 Senior School

Athlete of the Year: Oliver Maurovich

Cassils Memorial Trophy – 2009 Middle School

Athlete of the Year:

Sun Joong Kim, David Smith

Athlete Department Award 2009

Presented to Charles Chan, who has contributed his time unselfishly to the Selwyn House Athletic Department.

Fall Awards 2008

Gr. 7 Football

M.V.P. Defence Michael Palayew

M.V.P. Offence Sun Joong Kim

Most Promise Caleb Tse-Lalone

Sr. Football

Best Linesman Francesco Grassi

M.V.P. Offence Charles Chan

M.V.P. Offence Ian Levine

M.V.P. Offence Max Cronin

M.V.P. Defence Oliver Maurovich

Most Promise Alexander Brais

Most Promise Alissina Shahabi

Btm Football

Team M.V.P. Gregory Stern

Offensive M.V.P. Christopher Malouf

Best Linesman Timothy Shaw

Most Improved. Brandon Di Perno

M.V.P. Defence Anthony Cassia

Most Promise. David De Cotiis

Most Promise David Smith

Elementary Soccer

Most Promise Cameron Anderson

Most Promise Cullen Chung

M.I.P. Nicholas Cossette

M.V.P. John Molson

Btm 3 Soccer

M.V.P. Offence Justin Arsenault

M.V.P. Defence Matthew Rossy

M.V.P. Defence Max Rahuba-Pigeon

Midget Soccer

M.V.P. Offence Christain Buchanan

M.V.P. Defence Anthony Chine

Juv. Soccer

M.V.P. Defence Bjorn Dawson

M.V.P. Offence Michael Smith

Cross-C. Running

M.V.P. John Lamont

Winter Awards 2009

Wrestling

Most Promise Cairn Tse-Lalone

Most Improved Lucas Trifiro-Jarzem

M.V.P. Ali Shahabi

Elementary Basketball

Most Promise Joshua Daoust

Most Improved. Joshua Dermer

M.V.P. Taddeus Norkis-Kostka

Gr. 7 Basketball

M.V.P. Defence Sun Joong Kim

M.V.P. Offence Julian Bohbot

M.I.P. Matthew Goldbloom

Team M.V.P. Marco Covello

Btm. Basketball

M.V.P. Noah Daoust

M.V.P. David Smith

M.V.P. Defence Jean-Sebastien Dackiw

M.V.P. Defence Alex Hadjis

Most Promise Kevin Ward

Most Promise Kosta Grillas

Midget Basketball

M.V.P. Defence Alex Ignacz

M.V.P. Zander Brais

M.V.P. Joey Zammit

Juvenile Basketball

Team M.V.P. Oliver Maurovich

M.V.P. Offence Karl Schroeder

Most Improved Michael Abramson

M.V.P. Defence Josh Hanek

Elementary Hockey

M.V.P. Drew Guerriero

M.V.P. Liam Nicol

M.V.P. Karl Valentini

M.V.P. Michael McHenry

Gr. 7 Hockey

M.V.P. Devin O'Donnell

M.I.P. Michael Sarlos

Most Promise Nicholas Jonas

Btm. Hockey

Most Promise Tim Shaw

Most Promise ... Chris Malouf, Matthew Rossy

Most Improved David Barmish

M.V.P. Defence Andrew Rossy

M.V.P. Offence William Kendrick

M.V.P. Cameron Romoff

Juvenile Hockey

Team M.V.P. Francis Petrella

M.V.P. Defence Rob Fitzpatrick

Most Promise Philip De Stefano

M.I.P. James Menzies

Cross-Country Skiing

Most Promise Bjorn Dawson

M.V.P. Jonah Palevsky

Curling

Most Improved. Liam Kenny

M.V.P. Nicholas Backman

Most Promise Harry Cape

Spring Awards 2009

Bantam Tennis

Most Promise. Kosta Grillas

Golf

M.V.P. Daniel Knight

Most Promise. Eric-James Boffey

Track & Field

Most Promise. Nikola Papich

M.I.P. Mark Perlman

M.V.P. John Lamont

Juvenile Tennis

M.V.P. Brendan Keefe

M.I.P. Jack Provencher

Most Promise Weston Clarke

Bantam Rugby

Most Promise. Nicholas Dominique

Most Improved Sterling Mitchell

Best Back. David De Cotiis

Best Forward Bernard Bechard-Torres

M.V.P. David Smith

Midget/Senior Rugby

Best Forward Jean-Nicholas Dackiw

Best Forward Ali Shahabi

Best Back Charles Chan

Bornier Award M.V.P. Olivier Maurovich

Coaches' Award. . . . Joey Zammit, Zander Brais

Baseball

Most Promise Eric Vincelli-Gregory

Most Promise Matthew Jablonski

Most Improved. Joseph Kano, Justin Peress

M.V.P. Jack Melkerson

Gr. 7 Football

Most Promise Caleb Tse-Lalone



Oliver Maurovich 2009,
Athlete of the Year

Old Boys at CAREER DAY

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor and
Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations

Then Old Boys took part in Career Day on April 22, an event that gives Grade 11 students a personal view into the reality of the working world. Those taking part were:

Ian Robertson '55 (Keynote Speaker). A wildlife biologist, Ian works as a consultant to the federal government, and has had his own firm for more than 15 years, helping clients meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for environmental assessment of projects. "I was lucky that I did not set out on a clear career path."

Andrew Horsman '92 is vice president of Delphi, a Toronto company that helps other companies become more environmentally friendly and more competitive. Andrew attributes his success to two defining experiences he had while on Class Afloat in 1992: a visit to Easter Island, and a sailing trip up the Amazon River. "Forest everywhere was burned down to accommodate people and farming with no consideration for the impact on animals and trees that would never grow back."



Hartland Paterson '76



Eric Gilman '87



Ian Robertson '55

James Nadler '78. TV producer, writer, teacher. James is currently showrunning *Family Biz*, a live-action family comedy he created for YTV and France 2. Has a long list of production credits, including *PSI Factor* and *Outer Limits*, for which he won a Gemini. "TV production is fun. You are surrounded by people who enjoy what they do, you can be creative, and most of all you get to tell stories."

Vince Guzzo '86. Executive vice president and COO, Cinémas Guzzo. "Everything you do during your scholastic career could relate to a possible job you are going to have tomorrow."

Trevor Ahmedali '97. Software engineer at Nokia, the world's largest cellphone manufacturer, designing and developing software for email and instant-messaging on cellphones. "All the jobs I've had have come to me through contacts and people I know."

Bryan Fitzpatrick '74. Engineer, VP at AXOR, with over 30 years' experience in the construction and development industry. Involved in

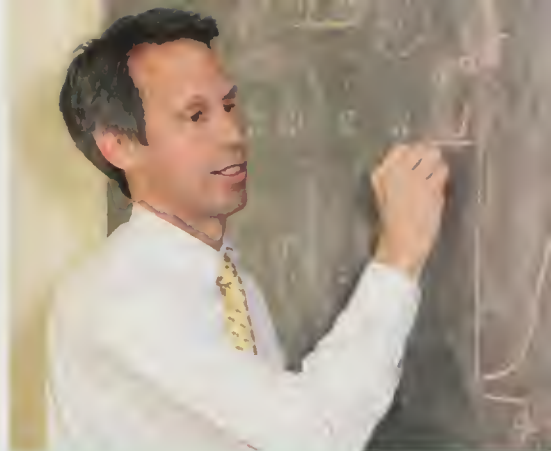
projects in Canada and internationally. "At SHS I had no idea where I was headed. Things just fell into place. Don't worry—you'll find your route."

Hartland Paterson '76. Vice president/general counsel CAE Inc., a world leader in simulation and modelling technologies for the civil aviation industry and defence forces in 20 countries around the world. "In a law firm, you are always advising and never taking the decision. Now, I like making the decision, I find it more satisfying and I live with the consequences."

Eric Gilman '87. Federal Crown prosecutor in Toronto, primarily prosecuting drug, gang, and gun-related offences. "Many of my colleagues only stay in this job for a short period of time because it can be so hard to deal with emotionally. But, if you love thinking on your feet and you currently enjoy debating, then this could be a great career opportunity for you."

Tim Reid '82. As a United Nations peacekeeper, Tim has served in some of the hottest spots in the world, from Lebanon to Rwanda, the Congo, Ethiopia and Eritrea, South Africa, Cambodia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as the West Bank and Gaza. He has monitored elections and ceasefires, protected civilians, opened schools, dealt with ragtag militias and corrupt politicians, child soldiers and brutal warlords, witnessed devastation, and investigated massacres. "For all the frustrations, you can make a real difference."

Tony Stikeman '61. Tony began by clarifying that he is a lobbyist, and was eager to dispel the attitude that had, in the past, given his profession a bad rap. Now, he says, lobbying is open and transparent. His days as a student at Selwyn House fed his interests in public speaking and debating, which, in turn, fed his interests in politics, public policy and intergovernmental relations. "As citizens, we have a responsibility to ourselves to communicate with government."



Bryan Fitzpatrick '74



Tim Reid '82



Tony Stikeman '61



Trevor Ahmedali '97



The class of 2009 set some records at their June 18 graduation. Number of graduates who attended Selwyn House since kindergarten: 21. Number of prizes won by a single student: six (by Raja Talla). Number of headmasters who led them through their final year at SHS: two.

Headmaster Hal Hannaford began the ceremony by paying tribute to "a man who needs no introduction," Headmaster Emeritus Will Mitchell, who retired on December 31.

"I know I speak for everyone when I say it is an honour to have you here," Mr Hannaford said to Mr. Mitchell.

The new headmaster then paid tribute to the men of the hour, the graduates of 2009.

"You have welcomed me, encouraged me, and, quite frankly have been a huge inspiration," said Mr. Hannaford. "I will always be grateful and I will never forget the difference you have made to me personally."

In his valedictorian speech, Head Prefect Josh Hanek replied to Headmaster Hannaford. "The impact that you have had on us has truly been incredible, and I have never seen someone become so familiar and so friendly with everyone in only half a year."

Turning to his classmates, he said, "When I think about how significant a part of my life this institution has been, I'm



Josh Hanek, Head Prefect

saddened because I know that I'm leaving my second home. On the other hand, it makes me happy to feel so prepared for the future.

"I can only hope that I will be able to continue building relationships as strong as the ones that I have with this graduating class. We're all brothers here and we're all part of the same fraternity.

"That is why I'd like to thank each one of you. You've all made this the best year of my life."

"I remain totally convinced that the most important graduating ceremony of one's life happens to be this one...your high school graduation," said Headmaster Hannaford.

He then explained what a handshake from Will Mitchell means to each graduate as he receives his diploma from the man who served as the school's headmaster for 24 years.

"Integrity, dedication, compassion and civility, kindness and respect. That is the Will Mitchell I know, that is the influence your headmaster can pass on to you," said Headmaster Hannaford.

"I am proud to be Will Mitchell's successor, and I know you are proud to be his students. So, gentlemen, take it all in, it's your moment, and I am so glad that Will Mitchell is here to share it with you. Enjoy the handshake."

Class of 2009 Prize Winners



SHA Board Chairman Ted Claxton (left) and Headmaster Emeritus Will Mitchell (right) present the Lucas Memorial Medal to Josh Hanek.



Bjorn Dawson (left) and Charles Chan (right) receive the Jeffrey Russell Prize from SHA Board Chairman Ted Claxton and Headmaster Emeritus Will Mitchell.

Distinction Awards

Chemistry: Raja Talla

Physics: Raja Talla, Sebastian Krolik

McGill Science Award: Raja Talla

Creative Writing: Michael Abramson

McCall Prize for Art: Jean-Nicolas

Dackiw, Christophe Rainville

Economics: Alex Shadeed

French:

Langue Maternelle: Tim Hadjis,
Raja Talla

Langue Enrichie: Michael Cohen

Langue Régulière: Sean Finnell,
John Lamont

D.W. Christie History Prize:

Nikhil Verma

The Consul General of Spain Prize for
Distinction in Spanish:

Michael Cohen, Bjorn Dawson

Byron W. Harker Prize for

Distinction in Literature:

Jamie Koenekoop

The Moody Prize for Mathematics:

Raja Talla, Nikhil Verma

Public Speaking Prize: Abhinav Gupta

The E.C. Moody Debating Prize:

Michael Zimmerman

Patricia Marsh Drama Prize:

Ben Palevsky, Mikhael Melnikoff

Special Awards

The University of Toronto National
Book Award for superior academic
performance, original and creative
thought, and exceptional achievement
in a broad context: Raja Talla

The Thomas Henry Pentland Molson
Prize for General Excellence to the
student with the second-highest
academic average for the year:

Sebastian Krolik

The Governor General's Bronze Medal
for Academic Distinction to the
student with the highest academic
average for the year: Raja Talla

The YMCA Community Service
Award to a student who has
consistently volunteered his services
within the school or community:
Abhinav Gupta

The Massi Prize for Effort for
sustained effort and appreciation in
academics: William Pridham-Leroux

The Millennium Prize (donated by the
Class of 1999) to the student who best
exemplifies—in the judgment of his
peers—tolerance, compassion,
generosity of spirit, kindness and
concern for others: Tim Hadjis

The Redpath Herald Award to a
student or a faculty member who has
shown initiative of a creative nature in
the organization or planning of some
project worthy of recognition: School
counselor Minna Shulman

The Thomas Chalmers Brainerd
Memorial Award to the Senior who, in
the opinion of the staff and of his
classmates, has combined an
exceptionally enthusiastic and
purposeful approach to school activities
with the consistently generous concern
for the welfare of others: Jack
Melkerson

The Jeffrey Russell Prize is awarded to
the Senior who is considered by the
Staff and his classmates to have shown
outstanding all-around ability and
character: Charles Chan and Bjorn
Dawson

The Lucas Memorial Medal, in
memory of the founder of the school, is
awarded to the Senior who is deemed
by the staff and his classmates to have
made the most outstanding
contribution to the life of the school by
way of academic achievement,
leadership in games and activities, and
by good example: Joshua Hanek

Academic DESTINATIONS

Michael Abramson . . . Marianopolis Arts and Science
 Shahrukh Ahmed Marianopolis Commerce
 Mitchell Arnovitz Marianopolis Health Science
 Michael Aziz Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Brendan Beallor Dawson Health Science
 David Boateng Marianopolis Commerce
 Elliot Burrows Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 James Caldereri Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Charles Chan Dawson Health Science
 Gaspard Charlebois Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Maximilian Cherney Dawson Commerce
 Michael Cohen Marianopolis Honours Commerce
 Maximilian Cronin Dawson Liberal Arts
 Jean-Nicolas Dackiw St. Paul's Grade 12
 Bjorn Dawson Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Andrew Dennis Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Adam Dermer Marianopolis Commerce
 Sean Finnell Marianopolis Honours Commerce
 Robert Fitzpatrick Trinity College School Grade 12
 Francesco Grassi Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Abhinav Gupta Marianopolis Health Science
 Efthymios Hadjis Marianopolis Health Science
 Joshua Hanek Dawson First Choice Science
 Geoffrey Hebert Dawson Social Science
 Karim Kaidbey Dawson First Choice Science
 Eric Karpman Dawson Social Science
 Jamie Koenekoop Dawson Pure & Applied Sci.
 Josh Koenekoop Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Sebastian Krolik Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 John Lamont Salisbury Grade 12

Frédéric Langelier Dawson Pure & Applied Sci.
 Myles Lann Dawson Commerce
 Robert Larsky Dawson Commerce
 Stephen Letko Dawson International Business
 Ian Levine Dawson Commerce
 Shawn Levy Vanier Social Studies
 Oliver Maurovich St Paul's Grade 12
 Jon Melkerson Marianopolis Commerce
 Mikhaël Melnikoff Dawson Professional Theatre
 Marco Melnychuk Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 James Menzies Trinity College School Grade 12
 Milton Mihalcioiu Marianopolis Health Science
 Patrick Nadeau Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Minh Tri Nguyen Marianopolis Health Science
 Benjamin Palevsky Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Ethan Peress Dawson Pure & Applied Sci.
 Francis Petrella Marianopolis Health Science
 William Pridham-Leroux Brébeuf Sciences humaines
 Christophe Rainville Brébeuf Arts and Science
 Neil Sabharwal Dawson International Business
 William Saillant Marianopolis Commerce
 Anton Schlemm Dawson Commerce
 Karl Schroeder Dawson International Business
 Alexander Shadeed Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.
 Vincent Ta Marianopolis Health Science
 Raja Talla Marianopolis Health Science
 Nikhil Verma Marianopolis Health Science
 Nicholas Wathier Dawson Pure & Applied Sci.
 Michael Zimmermann LCC Grade 12
 Leo Zuckerman Marianopolis Pure & Applied Sci.



Old Boys' Association NEWS

The Summer is finally here, and with it comes some important news from the Advancement Office. I will be making a change and will leave the Advancement Office as Director of Alumni Relations and move into a new role responsible for community service and student opportunities.

Student leadership and community service are both very important to me, and I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to work with the students, as well as the faculty and staff, in developing a strong program.

For the 2009-10 school year, James McMillan, Director of Advancement, will be taking over my alumni responsibilities. Heather Rochette, Special Events Coordinator, will work with Jaime to coordinate all alumni events.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Old Boys' Board of Directors and the golf committee, in particular, who have made me feel welcome and encouraged me from day one. The Old Boys' Association is strong and has made significant achievements because of their leadership and behind-the-scenes work.

Meeting and getting to know Old Boys from around the world has been an absolute pleasure. I hope to continue to work with you in creating opportunities for current students and educating them about the benefits of giving back and personal growth.

Finally, I would like to thank former faculty and staff who continue to support the school in so many ways and help the Advancement Office with their involvement and institutional memory. Knowing that they care about their former students and ask about Old Boys weekly speaks volumes for the kind of place that Selwyn House is.

Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations



**Courtney with
Josh Rosenstein 2004**

Upcoming Old Boy EVENTS

Thursday, August 20, 2009:
10th Annual Young Alum Barbecue
(Classes of 2004-2008)
6:00-8:30 p.m. Speirs courtyard

Tuesday, September 8, 2009:
Old Boys' Tuesday night basketball -
play resumes
6:00-8:00 p.m. Macaulay gym

Friday, October 2, 2009:
31st Annual Old Boys' Reunion &
AGM
5:00 p.m. tours, 6:00 p.m. cocktails,
7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting and dinner,
pub until 11:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14, 2009:
Calgary Old Boys' Reunion
6:00-9:00 p.m. Location TBD

Thursday, October 15, 2009:
Vancouver Old Boys' Reunion
6:00-9:00 p.m. Location TBD
(SHS soccer team in Vancouver)

Wednesday, October 21, 2009:
Grade 11 Old Boys' Association
Induction Dinner
5:30-7:30 p.m. Coristine Hall

Wednesday, November 4, 2009:
Ottawa Old Boys' Reunion
6:00-9:00 p.m. Location TBD

Thursday, November 26, 2009:
Founder's Day
Cocktail reception for all constituents
6:00 p.m. Coristine Hall

Friday, December 18, 2009:
12th Annual Old Boys' Hockey
Tournament
1:00-5:00 p.m. Verdun Auditorium

Thursday, January 21, 2010:
6th Annual Colin No Basketball
Classic
6:00-9:00 p.m. Speirs Gym

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 TBC
Boston Old Boys' Reunion
6:30-9:30 p.m. Location TBD

Thursday, February 18, 2010:
New York Old Boys' Reunion
6:30-9:30 p.m. Location TBD

Tues., Feb. 23 or Wed., Feb 24, 2010:
Dinner with the headmaster in San
Francisco
Time and Location TBD

Thursday, March 4, 2010:
London Old Boys' Reunion
6:30-9:30 p.m. Location TBD
(SHS rugby team in England)

Thursday, April 22, 2010:
Toronto Old Boys' Reunion
6:30-9:30 p.m. Location TBD

Thursday, April 29, 2010:
Career Day
8:30-11:30 a.m. Macaulay Building

Monday, May 31, 2010:
12th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf
Tournament
12:30 p.m. Location TBD

Tuesday, June 15, 2010:
11th Annual Old Boys' Tennis
Tournament TBC
5:30 p.m. Hillside Tennis Club

Old Boys' Association

Academic Merit SCHOLARSHIP

awarded



From left: Daniel Wen, OBA representative Geoff Moore '83, Antoine Guay, Asha Pathak, Cameron Anderson, Elementary School Director Kathy Funamoto, Jamie Denham and Nathalie Gervais, Director of Admission.

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Daniel Wen, Antoine Guay, Cameron Anderson and Jamie Denham are the winners of the 2009 Grade 7 Academic Merit Scholarships, which were presented at an assembly of current Grade 6 students, staff, parents and special guests on March 31.

Daniel Wen earned the highest combined exam score, and received the first prize Selwyn House School Old Boys' Association Merit Scholarship. Awarded in recognition of the tradition of academic excellence at Selwyn House, the scholarship is worth \$2,500 per year.

"This prize symbolizes my efforts, but also the contribution of the Old Boys' Association," Daniel wrote in a letter to the organization.

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Antoine Guay had the second-highest score and was awarded the \$1,000-per-year Aditya Pathak Merit Scholarship. Asha Pathak, Aditya Pathak's mother, presented the scholarship in her son's memory.

Cameron Anderson and Jamie Denham finished in third and fourth places, respectively. They were each awarded a Grade 7 Academic Merit Scholarship worth \$1,000 per year.

Old Boys' Association Director Geoff Moore '83 was on hand to present the scholarship to Daniel Wen. Geoff listed some Old Boys who have gone on to great things since their Selwyn House years, and encouraged the students to

nurture their school friendships, which will become even more important as the years go by.

Selwyn House ONLINE

Staying in touch has never been easier for SHS Old Boys, current and former staff, and parents of alumni.

In the fall, Selwyn House launched its new website and recent updates have made it even easier to check out what's happening at SHS. From selwyn.ca, click on SUPPORT and then check out the Alumni & Friends section. You'll find updates on classmates, alumni success stories, photos from events, Old Boys' Association initiatives, the event registration page, and more! Don't forget to update us with your news about graduations, career changes, recent travels, births and marriages by emailing Richard Wills at: wills@selwyn.ca.

Most importantly, keep in touch with your classmates and former teachers by actively updating your profile on the Alumni & Friends Email Directory. This secure directory can be found on the Alumni & Friends section of our website.

NEW: Many classes and Old Boy events have been using Facebook for the last few years. Now you can join the official Selwyn House Old Boys' Association page on Facebook. Become a fan and we'll keep you up to date on what's happening at the school, we'll also post photos from alumni events and other interesting news! It's a great way to reconnect with fellow alum from around the world!

MISSING OLD BOYS: We recently posted a list of missing alumni on our website. Take a minute or two to browse your year and let us know if you have information on their whereabouts.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff

By Hal Hannaford, Headmaster



Shawn O'Donnell, Director of the Senior School, has accepted the position of Head of The Sacred Heart School of Montreal. Although Mr. O'Donnell will be missed by all at Selwyn House, this is an exciting career opportunity for a dedicated and committed educator. Congratulations, Shawn, the entire community is proud of your accomplishments and we remain grateful for all you have done during your three years at Selwyn House School.



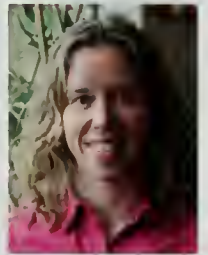
I am honoured and delighted to announce the appointment of Mike Downey to the position of Assistant Headmaster and Head of the Senior School. Mr. Downey brings 20 years of experience to the position. He knows our Senior School as well as anyone, his relationship with students and faculty is remarkable, and above all, Mike brings a high degree of integrity and character to the position. The Senior School remains in superb hands and, together with Kathy Funamoto, Head of the Elementary School and Carol Manning, Head of the Middle School, we have an exceptional senior leadership team.

I am also delighted to announce the

appointment of Minna Shulman to the new position of Dean of Students. Minna has been a fixture here at Selwyn House for the past ten years and has proven to be the complete advocate for all students. Her main challenge will be to ensure the small school guarantee that each student will be known and loved is a reality at Selwyn House.

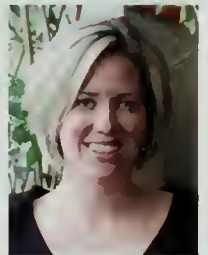


Courtney Prieur moves over from her current role as Director of Alumni Relations into a new position where she will be responsible for the community service program developing at Selwyn House. Ms. Prieur has experience in various aspects of student opportunities, has a wonderful relationship with many students, and her success with the Old Boys' Association has proven her organizational and leadership capabilities.



Finally, Heather Rochette will be assuming a new position of Special Events Coordinator for the entire school.

Other departing teachers and staff members are: Scott Morrison, Sofia Stavridis, Cara Woodruff, Ryan Curry, Dean Phillips, Glyncora Weir and Laurie McMurdo.



Staff OBITUARY

Leonard Picard, who taught at Selwyn House from 1949 to 1965, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2008 at the Griffith McConnell Residence after a year-long illness, in his ninety-fourth year. Leonard was a graduate of McGill University, the University of London and the University of Montreal. He was a retired officer of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, where he served as an instructor. He also served on a peacekeeping mission on the HMCS *Magnificent*.

Five receive 25-year honour

On Founder's Day, the Old Boys' Association honoured five retired faculty and staff members for contributing a minimum of 25 years of service to the school. This year's inductees to the "Wall of Fame" are: Jim Iversen, Andy Lumsden, Tom Nicoll, and, posthumously, George Dewland and Dr. Robert Speirs.



Bedard, Maurovich, named to Cum Laude Society

At the Founder's Day ceremonies on November 26, 2008, computer science teacher Bill Bedard and phys-ed teacher Mike Maurovich were named to the Cum Laude Society along with the following members of the Classes of 2008 and 2009: Michael Abramson, Ryan Brun, Derek Burrows, Gaspard Charlebois, Michael Cohen, Bjørn Dawson, Efthymios (Tim) Hadjis, Joshua Hanek, Graham Hooton, Sebastian Krolik, Geoffrey Lundell-Smith, Minh Tri Nguyen, Raja Talla and Nikhil Verma.

Alumni UPDATES

1946

Ian Bovey '46 sends us the following biographical information: "A retired VP of Nortel Networks, I'm still married to my wife of almost 53 years, Diana. We have four children, two of whom are high school teachers. We have 13 grands, ranging from 24 to three years of age—our greatest achievement. After retiring in 1995, I've done some consulting, been on the board of the United Way of Oakville and St. John's Ambulance, and am a volunteer driver for the Red Cross.

1953

Peter Hyde '53 writes "Since retiring as a partner of Deloitte's in 2002 in Ottawa, I have been involved in many volunteer activities, including being the CFO for Ottawa Mayor Bob Chiarelli for three elections, serving as treasurer of Canadian Conference of the Arts and recently being elected president of the Rideau Club here in Ottawa. Our family comprises my wife, Bev (a graduate of Trafalgar); a daughter, Stephanie, who is married and living in Ottawa; a son Tom, recently married and living in Toronto; and a second son, Geoff, who is working for Accenture in Ottawa."

1957

William Eakin '57 sends us the following biographical information: "Upon graduation, I joined Ellerman (Pty) Ltd. and spent a year in South Africa. I sailed for about four months around India and worked in the company's Calcutta office for another three months. When I returned to Montreal, I joined the family shipping firm, McLean Kennedy, in 1967. I moved through several positions, including vice president and director of Brunterm Ltd, a marine-container terminal in Saint John, NB from 1974-1995. I became president in 1989 of Kenmont Management (the family holding company), as well as McLean Kennedy and its subsidiary companies. We sold the shipping interests to the employees in 2005, and I am currently chairman of the board. Presently, I sit on

the boards of several Montreal foundations, and play squash in the winter and golf in the summer. I am married to Penny Smith, and we have three children and four grandchildren."

Todd LaFontaine '57 moved to Nova Scotia in 1959 and served in the Royal Canadian Navy for over 32 years. Other than for a couple of postings to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, he and Carol, his wife of 42 years, have lived in the Halifax area all this time. Their only child, Sean, is now living in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and is involved in geographic information systems and remote sensing. Carol has retired after running the diagnostic imaging department at the Dartmouth General Hospital for over 30 years. "I don't get to Montreal very often anymore because my brother Gary, who left SHS in 1962 I believe, now lives in Toronto, and my sister Jean, who attended Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's, and her family, plus my 95-year-old Mom now live in the greater Halifax area," Todd writes. "Since retiring from the Navy in 1990, I have been very involved with palliative care, both as a volunteer and a member of the local Palliative Care Society. I have also worked as a volunteer at our local nursing home for over 17 years. It keeps me just busy enough. We have lived on a wilderness lake just outside of Dartmouth for over 30 years now. We are about half a kilometre from our nearest neighbour and spend many hours either on the lake or in it."

1959

Robert Fowler '59, who serves as a special UN envoy in Niger, was in the news in April when he and a Canadian diplomatic colleague were released in good health after having spent four months in the hands of kidnappers. The two were reportedly captured by a criminal gang who traded them to a branch of Al-Qaeda, who hoped to trade the Canadians to free fellow members of their group. The release was described by the *Globe and Mail* as "the most sophisticated rescue operation Canada

has ever known."

1964

Robert Diez d'Aux '64 writes: "After receiving my MD, CM and MSc from McGill, I began my medical practice in Cowansville before moving to east Tennessee in 1983 as part of the 'medical exodus'. I started Occupational Health Services and carried on a busy and very fulfilling practice. Now, my wife, Judy, and I are moving back to Montreal. I will teach family medicine at St. Mary's Hospital starting in September. Judy, who is a professional flautist, will be seeking performing opportunities. The youngest of our six children has just graduated from high school and our nest will be empty. We have a home on Lac St-Victor and will find an apartment downtown. This represents a new adventure for us, and we look forward to re-connecting with some long-lost friends in Montreal.

1966

Maynard Davis '66 writes: "I moved to Switzerland and took a position as Manager, Field Finance, for WWF International. My wife, Joanne, and I are enjoying life in Switzerland."

1968

John Despic '68 writes: "John Despic is long divorced, but alive and well and living in a pleasant suburb of Boston with his faithful canine companion. His son works in London, moonlighting as a would-be rock star. John is waiting for the right time to move south, back to Texas or maybe Florida. After a career in international banking, he is getting in more leisure time and represents Northstar Trade Finance, a Canadian-based company owned by several banks. You can Skype me at "johndespic."

1972

Christopher Noble '72 is a technology licensing officer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is responsible for MIT's clean-energy portfolio. Chris lives in Winchester, a suburb of Boston, with his wife,

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Donnette, and their children, Julie and William.

1975

John Antony '75 writes: "The news has now come out that the bottle of icewine that we donated for Vintage '09 (see story this issue) has won a Bronze medal at the Decanter World Wine Awards (over 10,000 entries this year)."

1976

George Maris '76 sends his regrets for not being able to make it to the Alumni and Friends Hockey Tournament on December 19, as planned. "If you see Headmaster Hal Hannaford, tell him his old

neighbour who lived on St. Sulpice says hello. I was happy to hear he was appointed the position.

"I am enclosing a photo of us in Greece this past summer."

1980

Ted Nash '80 has just published a book on family travels. *Honeymoon in Greece and Other Misadventures* documents 10 years of excursions fraught with challenge and accidents that offer a humorous escape at the expense of the author and his wife and children. It may be found on the website of the publisher, Eloquent Books, and will also be available through Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

1983

Geoff Adams '83 was on a humanitarian mission in Bamako, Mali for two months. For further details, go to africasmilesmission.blogspot.com.

1984

Karim Nader '84 has been getting a lot of media attention recently for his research at McGill on how the brain stores and processes memories. "Our discovery shows that once you

remember something, it doesn't stay wired in your brain, it becomes unwired and needs to be restored again," Karim told the McGill *Newsroom*. Application of a common blood-pressure drug may give relief to sufferers of Post-Traumatic Stress disorder by breaking the link between a memory and the pain associated with it.

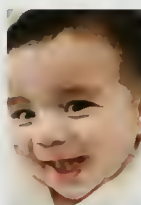


Hagen Mehnert '84 writes: "I live with three girls, plus a female dog! Here is a picture of Milla (born June 2009) at 2 ½ weeks old."

1986

Anders Bard '86 has a hit on his hands. Anders is co-producer of *I Love You, Man*, a film released on March 20 that shot to the number-two spot and grossed \$18 million in its first weekend. Look under cast&crew/filmmakers on the film's website.

Charles Cloutier '86 writes: "At this time I have been a director of sales and marketing for Interstate Hotels and Resorts in San Francisco for the last four years. I've enjoyed a great career in hotels and resorts in Canada, Europe and the States. Across the Golden Gate Bridge from the city, Alexia and I live in a tree house in Sausalito and enjoy the almost year-round Mediterranean weather. Our daughter, Tabitha, will be celebrating her first birthday on the 21st of June and is learning French spoken at home. Holidays are shared with family in both Montreal and Corfu, Greece.



Delano Guzzo, third son of Vince Guzzo '86, was born January 13, 2009, weighing 6 pounds 12oz, and measuring 19 inches long!

1990



Oneal Banerjee '90 sends us a picture of his daughter, Priyanka Kumar Banerjee, born on July 10, 2008, at 3:29 p.m. at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. At birth she

weighed five pounds and 14 ounces and was 21 inches tall/long.

Maj. Rob Johnston '90 recently completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan, where he served as an anesthesiologist with the Canadian Forces.

1991

Greg Charlap '91 writes: "I've been married for seven years to Audrey Lasry. We moved to Los Angeles, CA five years ago (Dec 03). We have two boys, Dylan (3-1/2), and Hudson Kelly, born June 9



09! We love sunny California and living the beach lifestyle. Audrey and I run an online retail business in the Baby Products Industry called PamperedTot.

Stuart Rutledge '91 and wife, Jennifer, are lucky to have three energetic children (Nevan, 5; Hannah and Avery, 2½,) who



keep them happily busy with soccer, T-ball, swimming, drawing and numerous other activities. Stuart is in his second year as CFO of RBC's Wealth Management businesses globally, while Jennifer continues to write for an advertising agency. "Look us up next time you're in Toronto's Riverdale neighbourhood," Stuart writes, "where you'll likely find us at the park."

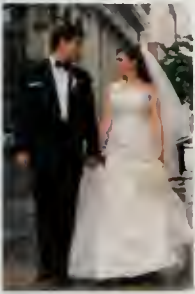
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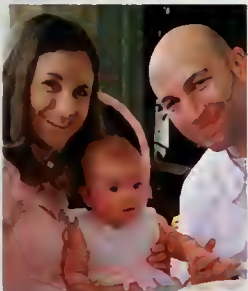
Richard Brooks '92 and **Brandy Humes** were married on June 28, 2008 at the Dundas Valley Conservation Area near Hamilton. "Our green and vegan wedding was featured in the May/June issue of *Veg* magazine," Richard writes. "Our friends and family contributed to a solar panel fund for our first house, which we bought and eco-renovated in 2008. In May, I started my sixth year at Greenpeace, directing the organization's national forest conservation campaign, out of Toronto. Recently I was named by RISI, the leading research firm for the forest industry, as one of the 50 most powerful people in the pulp and paper industry."

1995

Raymond Ayas '95 married **Carole Samaha** on July 26, 2008 in Montreal. Selwyn House Old Boys in attendance were: **Andrew Antoniadis '91**, **Ryan Antoniadis '93**, **Paul Dery-Goldberg '95**, **Richard Calvé '95**, **Richard Sabbagh '90**, and, of course, Ray's brothers, **Joseph '96** and **Charles 2004**.



Seth Derevensky '95 married **Melanie Hochman** in Boca Raton, Florida in June 2006. In April of 2008 they had their first baby, named **Zoe Becca**. The family currently resides in south



Florida, where Seth works as a senior manager for a software development and consulting organization. The photo was taken at the 94th birthday celebration of Zoe's great-grandfather.

1996

Kolkata Dreams, new book of poems and photographs by **Gandhar Chakravarty**

'96, based on his travels in India, has just been released by 8th House Publishing. The book has already garnered praise from high places. "...these poems do indeed reside in multiple landscapes, in that world between the East and West, and oftentimes simultaneously," says Pulitzer Prize-winning poet **Yusef Komunyakaa**. "Like the land he is describing, Chakravarty's poems invite you in as an interested traveller and then change you as you live them," says QWF Literary Award Winner **Matthew Anderson**.

Jamie Seguin '96 is now working for the Calgary Stampeders. After four years with the Montreal Alouettes, then one with the CFL head office in Toronto, he is now Director of Game Operations and Events for the Stamps.

1999

Matthew Busbridge '99 graduated with a Masters of Business Administration degree from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario in May, and will be working for The McGraw-Hill Companies Education Publishing division in New York City.

Henry Buszard '99 had an exhibition in December called "High Roads" on the subject of the Turcot Yards and the elevated highways (soon to be demolished) which run through it. Details can be found on his website.

Andrew Johnston '99 will be pursuing a master's degree in international business law at the London School of Economics this fall.

Chris Maughan '99 is writing front page articles for *The Gazette*.

2003

Henry Walter 2003 co-wrote, produced and performed on "Mmm Papi," one of the tracks on Britney Spears' CD *Circus*, which was released November 2008 in North America. Henry was interviewed on Canada AM about his experience

working with Britney.

Jon White Potter-Mal 2003 will be releasing his debut CD worldwide in September 2009. The project, entitled *Jonathan Emile – The Lover/Fighter Document EP*, will be available at HMV, as well as through Jon's record label, Mindpeacelove Enterprises, and covers various styles, including hip-hop, R&B and reggae. Jon's classmate **Nicholas Tsoukas**, as well as alumni parent and cellist **Denis Brott** (father of **Joshua 2004**), both participated in the production of the CD. More at mindpeacelove.com.

2004

Ivan Neilson 2004, who is studying economics and finance at McGill, was elected president of the Students Society of McGill University (SSMU) in March. Ivan is described by the *McGill Reporter* as "a bridge builder" for his stated goals of eliminating the long-standing gap between Quebec and out-of-province students and between the SSMU and the university's administration.

2005

Aaron Besner 2005 not only made the McGill Principal's Student-Athlete Academic Honour Roll for 2007, he pitched for the McGill Redbirds baseball team. He also played in 2008, when the team made it to the nationals and placed second.

2007

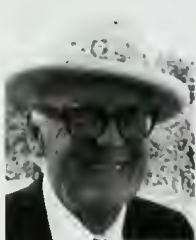
Theo Kyres 2007 has been accepted in the Faculty of Law (Le Droit Civil) at the University of Ottawa, and also received an admission scholarship. He will be attending in the fall of 2009.

2008

SHS wrestling Old Boy **Greg Rossy 2008** won two bronze medals in the heavyweight division at the Canadian Juvenile Wrestling Championships, held in Fredericton, New Brunswick on February 1. Greg now studies and trains at Vanier CEGEP. This was his first national championship. ■

OBITUARIES

Peter Cory Landry '37 died peacefully at home in Montreal on October 15, 2008. He was 87. Peter was the devoted husband of Mary Skelton Landry and the loving father of Bill and Anne (Rosanne Konrad). He was also adored by his sister Tink Churchill-Smith, his late brother David, his sister-in-law Jane Schissler (Jim Schissler) and his many nieces and nephews. Peter was a respected teacher of physics, mathematics and education at Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario, at St. Joseph's Teachers College in Montreal, and at McGill University. He received his B.Eng. and M.Sc. from McGill and his M.A. from Columbia University in New York. An avid birder, he was co-founder of the Willow Beach Field Naturalists in Port Hope and the Audubon Christmas Bird Count in Georgeville, Quebec. Peter was also a keen racquets player. He was the first Canadian to win the U.S. Collegiate Singles Squash Championship in 1947. He was a member of both the U.S. Squash Hall of Fame and the McGill Sports Hall of Fame. In the Second World War, he served with distinction as a radar mechanic with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Peter will be remembered by his family, friends, students and colleagues for his inquisitive mind, his open nature and his generous spirit.



David Irvine Wanklyn '39 died on October 24, 2008. He leaves his wife, Patience, and children William, Virginia (Derek Wilson) and Susan; grandchildren and great-grandchildren David, Charles, Alicia, Leah, Jordan, Mia and Lukas; predeceased by his brother Christopher and sister Priscilla Campbell. David was born in Montreal. He attended Selwyn House, Bishop's College School, and McGill University, where his studies were interrupted by the war. He served as a gunner in the XII Manitoba Dragoons in Belgium and Holland. After the war he won a Rhodes Scholarship and, until 1949, attended Trinity College, Oxford, where he studied nuclear physics. His research continued on the cyclotron at McGill, where he received a PhD in nuclear physics in 1951. David worked as an industrial engineer for St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery and Redpath Consultants International. He sat on a variety of boards, including as chair of the board of directors of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, and on the board of the Montreal Children's Hospital. He and Patience retired to Kingston, Ontario in 1981, where he designed and built two steamboats, attended and organized steamboat regattas, and assisted with the Kingston Steam Museum. His first steamboat, *Entropy*, was a source of great pleasure for family and friends.

John Newton Mappin '42, Old Boy and Selwyn House board member from 1968-72, died peacefully at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on October 13, 2008 at the age of eighty-two with family at his side. Beloved husband of Judith (nee

Taylor); father of John Taylor, Jefferson (Sally Reynolds), the late Hugh, Jane (Nicholas Kasirer), Charles '80 (Robert Franklin); proud grandfather of Benjamin, Antonia, and Olivia Mappin-Kasirer; brother of Sheila Arthur; brother-in-law of Noreen Taylor; uncle of Pierre and Isabelle Arthur, Eric Hogue and Nadina and Edward Taylor.

James Bracewell Creighton '51 died suddenly in Toronto on June 15, 2008 in his seventy-third year, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Sadly missed by his beloved wife Cynthia and her daughters Nicole Belcourt and Alexandra Belcourt, her son Paul Belcourt, and by his brother Douglas Creighton and sister-in-law, Willa. Devoted uncle to Denny, Julia, David, Caro, Andrew, Kirstie and Zoe. Predeceased by his parents, Denton Creighton and Margaret (Gilmour), of Montreal. Jim was born in Montreal on April 10, 1935 and attended Selwyn House, Bishop's College School, McGill University and University of Western Ontario (MBA). Trained as an economist, Jim worked for many years with financial institutions, first in Montreal and, since 1980, in Toronto. A keen skier and tennis player when he was younger, Jim maintained his interest in sports all his life.

Frederick Forbes Angus '52 passed away peacefully on August 10, 2007 at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal after a courageous battle with cancer. Son of the late Donald Forbes Angus and the late Mary Woodworth White, predeceased by infant brother Donald Forbes Angus. He will be fondly missed by numerous close friends in several countries who shared his passion for railway history. Frederick was a noted author and historian, especially on railway and tramway history, as well as all things Victorian. He has been a member of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association since 1950 where he held the posts of secretary and director from 1967 to 1980. He was editor of *Canadian Rail* from 1981 until his passing; he was a founding member of Exporail, the Canadian Railway Museum at Delson-St. Constant, Quebec in 1960. The new Exporail pavilion is to be called the Angus Pavilion in honour of Frederick and his family.

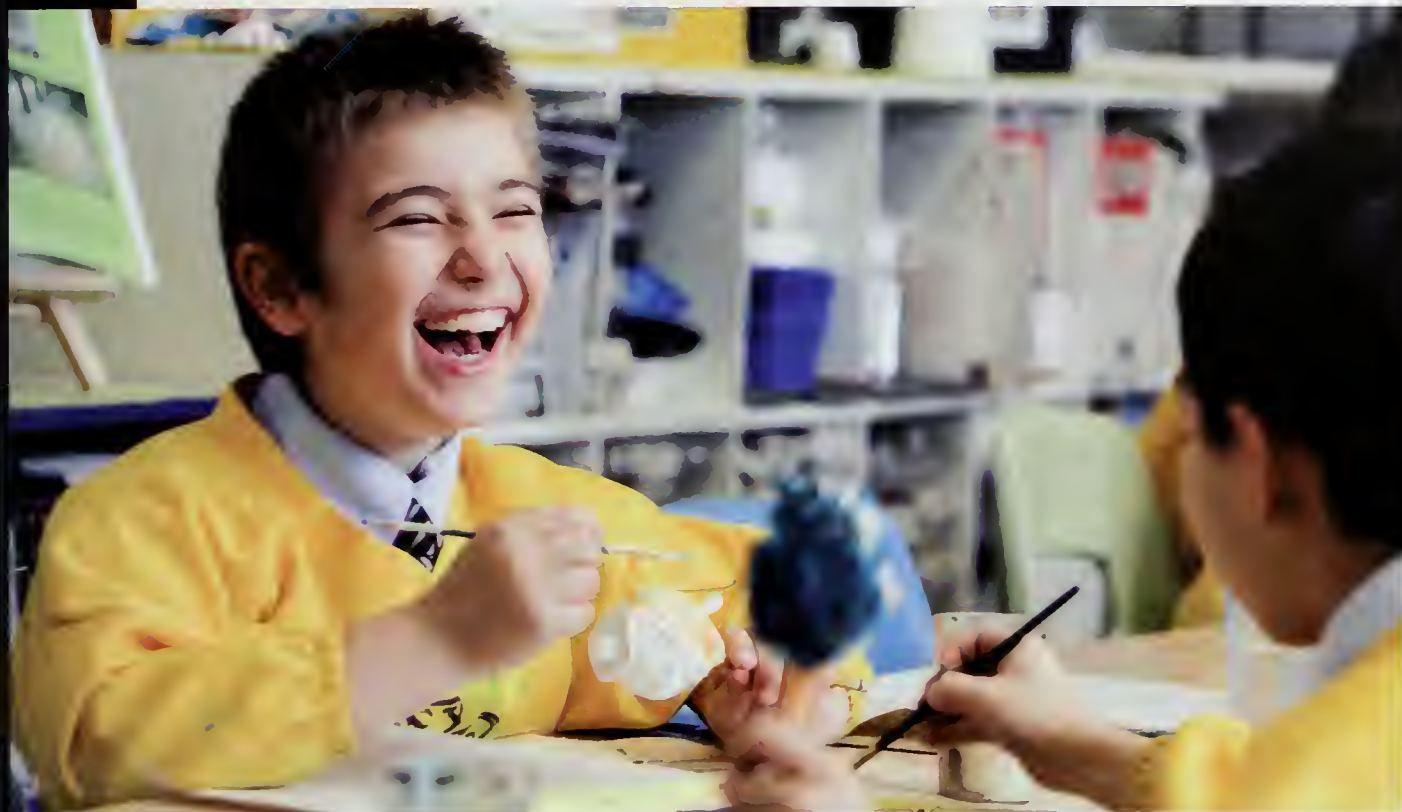
Nigel Greenwood '59 was killed in a gliding accident in England on June 13th. According to accounts, Nigel had been on a long flight in his glider and was about to land on a farmer's field, when something caused him to nosedive. There may be an inquest to determine the cause of the accident.

Paul-André Baillargeon '75 died in Montreal in early March. He leaves to mourn his daughter, Alexandra, his father, Claude Baillargeon, his mother, Aase Sanders, his sister, Suzanne Byrne (Rory), his brother, Pierre (Rawia), as well as other relatives and friends. The family will receive condolences at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Centre Funeraire Cote-des-Neiges. ■

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All Grades

Monday, October 5

School Tours: 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Information Session for Gr. 7: 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Kindergarten

Friday, November 13

School Tours: 8:30 to 10:00 am

Information Session: 10:00 to 11:00 am

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Join us for a school tour at 8:30 am

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Selwyn House School

31st Annual Old Boys' Reunion

October 2, 2009

Come back to campus in October and reconnect with your former teachers and old friends—and share stories of adventures new and old—over dinner and drinks.

All Old Boys and their guests, former and current staff are welcome. We hope to see many of you celebrating a special anniversary year: 1959, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1999, or 2004.

Friday, October 2, 2009

5:00 p.m.	Tours of the Selwyn House campus
6:00 p.m.	Cocktails
7:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting and Dinner
9:30-11:30 p.m.	Pub



REUNION '09



Tickets:

\$50 by September 25
\$60 thereafter (tickets available at the door)

\$25 for recent grads (2004-2009)

Complimentary dinner and cash bar for former staff

RSVP at www.selwyn.ca via the Online Event Registration button.

Cancellation: Full refund before September 25. No refunds thereafter.

For more information contact the Advancement Office at 514-931-9481 ext. 2294